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BRIGHTER CANTON OUTLOOK. SIGNS THAT CARGO IS BEGINNING TO MOVE.

MERCHANTS NOW HOPEFUL

News from Canton to-day shows that a much brighter atmosphere is apparent amongst Chinese merchants there in regard to the resumption of trade with Hongkong. There is much activity in passenger business, whilst cargo is reported to be moving slowly. The Chinese staffs of British firms on Shamen have also returned to duty.

A resumption of West River traffic is shown by the departure this morning from Hongkong of several tons of lighters and other craft, conveyed by British gunboats and armed launches.

In Hongkong, confidence is growing and Chinese merchants are more hopeful of an early resumption of trade with Canton.

The military authorities at Swatow have declared the strike at an end, but the Strike Committee is demanding its continuance.

The Canton merchants have so far displayed little confidence in the announcement that the boycott has come to an end, though this is regarded as caution, the rest being a matter of time. The s.s. Foon-shing returned from Canton yesterday, with no cargo and only five deck passengers.

The s.s. Hopsang and the s.s. Yatshing, and the large Jardine launch Indo China, left for Canton early this morning.

A large convoy of Asiatic Petroleum Company's launches and lighters left Hongkong at daybreak this morning, with consignments for Kowloon, Samshui, and Wuchow.

Confirming this to-day, Mr. W. H. Bell, the general manager of the Company, said that the attitude adopted by the A. P. C. was that the Canton Government has said that the strike and boycott were over, and the A. P. C. was taking them at their word. The Company was now taking the necessary steps to open up normal business at the ports named.

CONVOY SYSTEM.
In connection with the resumption of traffic between Hongkong, Kowloon and Wuchow, the Hongkong Government is considering the advisability of re-introducing the convoy system as a prevention of piracy, but no definite statement is yet available.

WEST RIVER TRADE.
We are informed by the local naval authorities that there are no further reports regarding the situation at Canton.

From the same source, we learn that several tons of lighters and other craft left Hongkong this morning, for Kowloon, Samshui and Wuchow. They are being protected from pirates by an escort provided by the British gunboats and armed launches.

SWATOW POSITION.
A naval wireless message received from Swatow states:

The local military authorities published a proclamation yesterday, Tuesday, saying that the strike was to cease, but the Strike Committee have issued posters demanding a continuation of the strike.

SIGNS OF ACTIVITY.
Despite hesitancy in some quarters, the prospect of business is being seized upon with avidity by some Chinese merchants who seek a resumption of their former extensive connections with Canton. To-day, the fourth day after the calling-off of the blockade, the various steamship companies are sending out canvassers for cargo freights, and at least in the case of the Tung On Steamship Company, a move has been made with the dispatch of the s.s. Sai On this morning to Canton with a fairly large number of passengers, and what is more important, with cargo. The volume of this business is small, it is true, consisting of 100 packages of Singer sewing machines and also other odd cargo, but at least it represents the beginning of what is hoped by merchants in both cities to be a gradual return to commercial prosperity.

Writing in regard to the new taxes, our correspondent says these are being collected, but apparently in a rather amateurish fashion. Some better machinery will have to be organised if the work is to be done properly. The gradual return to commercial prosperity.

ALERTE FIRED ON.

FRENCH SAILOR KILLED.

LATEST YANGTSE OUTRAGE.

A Reuter's wire received this morning says that news has been received in Shanghai to the effect that firing took place yesterday on the Yangtze River on the French gunboat Alerte.

The message says that details are not yet to hand, but it is reported that a sailor was killed and another wounded.

The firing appears to have taken place between Wusueh and Klukiang.

It is stated that French Admiral is proceeding up river this morning.

THE PEACE MOVE.

The peace movement headed by General Chang Chun-kwei, reported a few days ago, is developing according to a report by a Chinese news agency. It is said that a document has been prepared in large and distinct letters, bearing the words: "The preliminary negotiations completed and signed between Tang Sung-chue and Sun Chuan-fang." On putting his signature to the document, the former is said to have declared that he is acting in the name and on behalf of General Chang Kai-shek, having plenary powers—therefore the terms of this document have not only my approval but also that of General Chang Kai-shek. The terms are not stated, as there are details of some important matters which

PIRATE LAUNCHES CAPTURED.

H.M.S. Robin's Report.

We are in receipt of information to-day from the Hongkong Naval authorities, which states that H.M.S. Robin captured two pirate launches yesterday (Wednesday) near Hoichow, West River.

The boats are being taken to Canton, where they will be handed over to the local Chinese Government Authorities.

require further discussion before the full text of the compact can be drawn up.

However, it is said that the five allied provinces, Kiangsi, Anhui, Kiangsu, Chekiang and Fukien, will retain their status quo. The fact that no hostilities have taken place for the last three or four days would appear to bear out the truth of the above report, and it may be that the developments of the coming week will be somewhat sensational and startling.

It is said that Sun Chuan-fang had to take this step because he was not adequately supported. From another source, it is observed that this may be a mere ruse on the part of Sun Chuan-fang.

CHANG TSO-LIN BUSY.

Another news agency reports that Chang Tso-lin is now organising a political party, somewhat similar to the Kuomintang, and is employing student graduates returned from abroad to help in the movement, as it is considered an absolute necessity to combat the propaganda of the Kuomintang. Furthermore, it is said that he has sent delegates to Mongolia, with overtures for an offensive and defensive alliance.

This step is designed to cut off Feng Yu-shiang's military supplies from the Soviet. Should both these aims be achieved, they will have far-reaching effects on the general situation.

MORE FIRING.

A naval message from Hankow, dated yesterday, says: The local situation is unchanged. Ships have been fired on between Kichow and Wusueh, where fighting between Sun's and the Southern troops is taking place.

SECURED \$200 WORTH OF GOODS.

MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD VICTIMISED.

"BOY" SENTENCED.

Obtaining goods by false pretences to the value of over \$200, from the grocery department of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Cheung Yin, a domestic servant at one time in the employment of Mr. C. G. Darby, was to-day sentenced to four months' hard labour on pleading guilty to the two separate counts taken out under this charge.

It was stated that between the 7th September and the 6th October, and again on the 12th October, defendant secured goods to the value of \$210 from the firm by producing papers purporting to emanate as orders from Mr. Darby. Appearing again at the shop on the latter date, he was arrested.

Major C. Willson passed sentence of two months' hard labour on each of the two counts, the terms being ordered to be served consecutively.

THE BUDGET.

TO BE INTRODUCED TO-MORROW.

The most important business at to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council will be the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Seventeen Million, seven hundred and forty-one thousand, five hundred and for-three dollars to the Public Service of the year 1927.

The Budget Speech of H. E. the Governor will be awaited with much interest in view of the present situation.

The Government is asking for \$17,741,543, or \$1,025,234 less than was asked last year, and over seven and a half million dollars less than was budgeted for in 1925.

WOMAN FINED.

HOUSE OF ILL-REPUTE

In proceeding against a woman on a charge of keeping a house of ill-repute, before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning, Sub-Inspector Bloor produced records of two previous convictions against the woman, both of these being under the Opium Ordinance.

The Magistrate observed that these were for entirely different offences, and he could not see how they could be regarded as having any important bearing on the case.

The police officer agreed but further stated that secret opium divans were generally run in the Colony in conjunction with these unlicensed houses.

The usual fine of \$50 for a first offence, was imposed by his Worship in the present case.

BITTEN BY DOG.

AN UNLUCKY WORKMAN.

A report was made yesterday that a workman was admitted into the Government Civil Hospital suffering from severe bites inflicted by a chow dog.

The story told in the case was that the man who was engaged on repairs to the roof of No. 2 Second Street, West Point, ventured on to the roof of the adjoining building and was attacked by a watchdog, being bitten severely in the leg.

LEADERS DEFIED.

224,000 MINERS NOW AT WORK.

FEDERATION'S PROBLEM.

Rugby, Oct. 3.

Twenty thousand more men returned to work in the coal mines yesterday and it was authoritatively stated last night that over 217,000 miners are now engaged in producing coal throughout Britain.

The most important feature of yesterday's increase was the resumption of work by over 5,000 Lancashire miners. Several hundreds more in that area have signed on for work to-day. The break-away from the policy of the Miners' Federation in this important area is regarded as a particularly significant development, which must be taken into account when the Miners' Executive meets in London to-morrow. Small increases were also recorded yesterday in other areas in which the Federation policy is well supported, namely Scotland, the North-Eastern counties, Yorkshire and South Wales, but the numbers at work in these districts are still only about ten per cent. of those normally employed.

The Executive is meeting to-morrow primarily to receive district reports on the various proposals for intensifying the struggle, including the withdrawal of safety-men, but as the extremists are alone in advocating this project, it is unlikely that steps will be authorised to carry it out.—British Wireless.

Later, To-day's increase in the number

FOOTBALL FORECASTS.

Competition Result To-morrow.

The result of the first week of our Football Forecast Competition will be announced in to-morrow's Telegraph.

In the current week's Competition, several entrants have been sending in various batches of coupons in separate envelopes. It will greatly facilitate the checking of claims if each competitor makes a point of using only one envelope for all his coupons. This can be done by collecting the coupons up to Friday night and then sending them all in together on Saturday morning.

of miners returning to work is 7,019. The total number of men now producing coal is officially stated to be 224,896.

Statements made yesterday at the Labour Conference by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the Labour Party, Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Railwaymen's leader, and Mr. Ben Tillet, the Transport Workers leader, showing that the miners can expect neither money from the other Unions nor an embargo on coal imports, constituted a new and perhaps decisive development in the coal crisis. The miners have been told by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in effect that the only thing that the Labour Party can do now for them is to take the fight to the House of Commons and there conduct it on a policy of nationalisation of the coal industry. It is generally considered that a resumption of work will be accelerated in view of the position in which the miners now find themselves.

HOME SECRETARY'S APPEAL.

Sir William Joynson Hicks, Home Secretary, speaking at the opening of the International Exhibition of Inventions, made an appeal to the participants in the dispute. He hoped that reason would shortly reach the minds of those concerned in the stoppage on both sides and that those who were warring to-day would think of the effect that the war was having on the basic trades upon which the entire position of Great Britain depended. He appealed to those concerned to consider whether the time had not come to say definitely that enough fighting had taken place and that honour on both sides had been satisfied, and that work should be resumed in all pits, not merely for

FAR EASTERN SHIP AFIRE.

SERIOUS OUTBREAK ON "ROSANDRA."

CARGO FROM HONGKONG.

Port Said, Oct. 13.

The Italian steamer, Rosandra, from the Far East, is off the port with No. 4 and No. 5 holds, and the engine room and bunkers afire. All means are being taken to extinguish the fire and there is a possibility of success. No. 3 and No. 6 holds are being flooded after discharging their cargo on deck. The cargo is chiefly copra, soya beans, cotton, pepper, tea, general goods and oils.—Reuter.

The s.s. Rosandra is one of the Lloyd Triestino fleet, the local agents for which are Messrs. Dodwell and Company. She left Hongkong on September 11th, and on board is Signor Giovanni Guavi, a Roman Catholic missionary, who embarked here.

She was carrying nearly three hundred tons of cargo from the Far East, consisting largely of cassia from Canton, a considerable quantity of tea, hemp and buffalo hides.

On enquiry at Messrs. Dodwell's this morning we were informed that no news of the fire has yet reached them.

FIREWOOD HUNTERS.

DESTRUCTION IN STANLEY PLANTATION.

Forestry Department officials are somewhat concerned over the inroads made by firewood hunters on plantations on the island. In the case of the plantation between Stanley and Repulse Bay, which has been marked for a big afforestation scheme next year, measures were to-day taken by the Superintendent, Mr. Green, in the charging of a number of the culprits before Mr. R. E. Lindsell. One woman was fined \$25; while three other females, who said they were stone-breakers, but who were unable to convince the Magistrate that the firewood was discarded dead brushwood, were also mulcted in a fine of \$5 each.

Mr. Green, replying to the Magistrate, said that last Saturday he surprised a gang of firewood cutters in the district, and confiscated one-and-a-half tons of wood on a motor-lorry. He was not sure that the defendants were not of the same gang.

In a third case, against a man, it was shown that the defendant merely stripped off the bark from a tree. An interesting statement was made by Mr. Green in this connection, to the effect that this bark was considered to possess medicinal value by the Chinese and was exposed for sale in bundles at herbalists' shops. However, he was chiefly concerned with the fact that the stripping of the bark from this species of trees was enough to kill them.

A fine of \$25 was imposed by the Magistrate in this case.

VERANDAH COLLAPSE.

THREE BODIES RECOVERED.

Clearing the rubble left by the collapse on Tuesday of the verandah of a block of newly-constructed houses in Argyle Street, the police yesterday recovered the dead bodies of two coolies who were killed, and removed them to the Mortuary before burial.

Previous to this the remains of a woman carrier had also been extricated from the ruins. It is now ascertained that three were killed and one injured in this mishap.

The well-being of the miners and their employers, but for the well-being of the great mass of the community which was suffering as much as the mining industry itself.—British Wireless.

MALAYA'S FUTURE.

GOVERNOR'S INTENSE OPTIMISM.

UNITED MALAYA WANTED.

A very interesting speech on the future development of Malaya was delivered by His Excellency the Governor (Sir Laurence Guillemard) on Friday night at the annual dinner of the Straits Settlements Association.

During the course of his speech, the Governor said: Malaya is destined to be one of the most important members of the Empire. I doubt whether all you busy men have time to look ahead and realise how important she is going to be, and how each one of you can help her development and growth. Frankly speaking I think it is your plain duty to do so, and to take thought for those who come after you and for the future of the country to which you owe your prosperity.

All parts of Malaya are growing and developing separately. The Colony has attained maturity, and will continue to grow on well established lines, accelerated by the development which will follow on the construction of the Naval Base, the progress in aviation and the evolution of an Imperial Air route. The Federated Malay States are comparatively young and are still growing. The Unfederated Malay States are younger still. They are still rather unknown quantities to the majority of dwellers in the Colony, but they are developing fast with great possibilities ahead.

ONE UNITED MALAYA.

What I want you all to realise is that these various parts of Malaya can only attain their full development by working together as members of one united Malaya. I do not mean by this expression anything like fusion of the States with the Colony. Any such action would be a violation of our Treaties with the States, and could not be thought of for a moment. What I mean by a united Malaya is a loose union of independent members, a partnership based on common interest and mutual loyalty and expressed as far as possible in combined action on uniform lines.

That the Colony and the Federated Malay States and to a less degree the Unfederated Malay States are mutually dependent in commerce and trade is generally realised, but the fact is not yet fully recognised with regard to development and policy. We must not only keep before us the ideals of mutual help and co-operation, but we must carry those ideals into practice.

JEALOUSY DYING OUT.

When I came here six years ago, the old spirit of mutual jealousy was rife both in the Colony and the Federated Malay States. I found to my surprise that it was regarded even by sensible men as inevitable, and by the less intelligent as something to be proud of. That spirit is, I rejoice to say, fast dying out. I have done what I can to kill it, and I wish to state publicly how much credit is due to two bodies of men whom I regard as accessories to the act of slow murder: I mean those much criticised bodies—the Unofficial Members of Council in both the Colony and the Federated Malay States. Signs of a new spirit were shown when sometime back the two sets of Unofficials met together to consider questions in which both Administrations were interested, and to make joint recommendations.

Another fact which has contributed to the ideal of a united Malaya is that we now have a Malayan Civil Service, responsible for the Administration of Malaya, the officers of which are freely interchangeable between the Colony, the Federation and the Unfederated States.

We are well on our way to realising the ideal of a united Malaya. I hope and believe that we shall advance steadily along (Continued on Page 4).

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MOTOR CYCLE POLICE.

INTERESTING PROPOSAL FOR HONGKONG.

An interesting proposal to extend the Flying Squad which is at present a part of the Colony's police organisation to motorising members of the general public was outlined by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain-Superintendent of Police when he addressed prospective members of the Squad at Police Headquarters yesterday evening.

It is well known that there is a Flying Squad of police officers consisting largely of those who have motor cycles and much useful work is done by this section of the force. The present proposal is that any member of the motorising public who possesses a motor cycle should be allowed to join the Squad, he being sworn in as a special constable in order to have the necessary powers.

Yesterday, the Captain-Superintendent of Police emphasised the usefulness of a body of men which could reach any point in the Colony within a short time. A Flying Squad was particularly useful in the case of an outbreak, of any kind, the prompt despatch of a body of men on motor cycles being an effective method of coping with trouble if it should arise.

Purely Voluntary Work.

If the scheme comes to fruition it is intended that the Squad will have a weekly run at present, there being two sections, one for Hongkong and the other for Kowloon if a sufficient number of motor cyclists intimate their willingness to join.

Considerable experience would be gained by these weekly trials, and in the case of a sudden emergency the Squad would be called out and sent to the scene of the outbreak. The Hon. Mr. Wolfe stressed the fact, that the Police did not want to interfere with other voluntary services and it was essential that intending members of the Squad should be quite free from responsibilities of the Volunteers etc.

In addition to being called out, in case of emergencies, the Squad could also do excellent work in connection with local traffic. Two motor cyclists riding on some of the thoroughfares where pedestrians used the road instead of the footpath would, in time, instill into the minds of pedestrians the necessity of leaving the roads as free as possible for motor traffic.

Early Enthusiasm.

It was also explained that sidecar passengers would also be necessary for the police and other sidecar machines. All members of the squad will be sworn in as special constables and will be provided with uniform and badge to be worn on the sleeve. In addition an allowance of petrol would be made and members would be issued with free driving licences.

About forty local motor cyclists have signified their willingness to join the Flying Squad, and the majority of these attended at Police Headquarters last evening when the proposal was outlined by the C. S. P.

The scheme has not been definitely decided upon as yet, but some members will be sworn in as special constables to-morrow and the Squad will make a tour of the island roads. There are no nationality regulations, but the C. S. P. emphasised that experienced drivers were necessary.

The annual pilgrimage to the tomb in Welsh Newton churchyard, Monmouth, of John Kemble, the Roman Catholic priest, who was executed at the time of the Popish plot, and at whose grave miracles are said to have been worked, was attended by large numbers of Roman Catholics.

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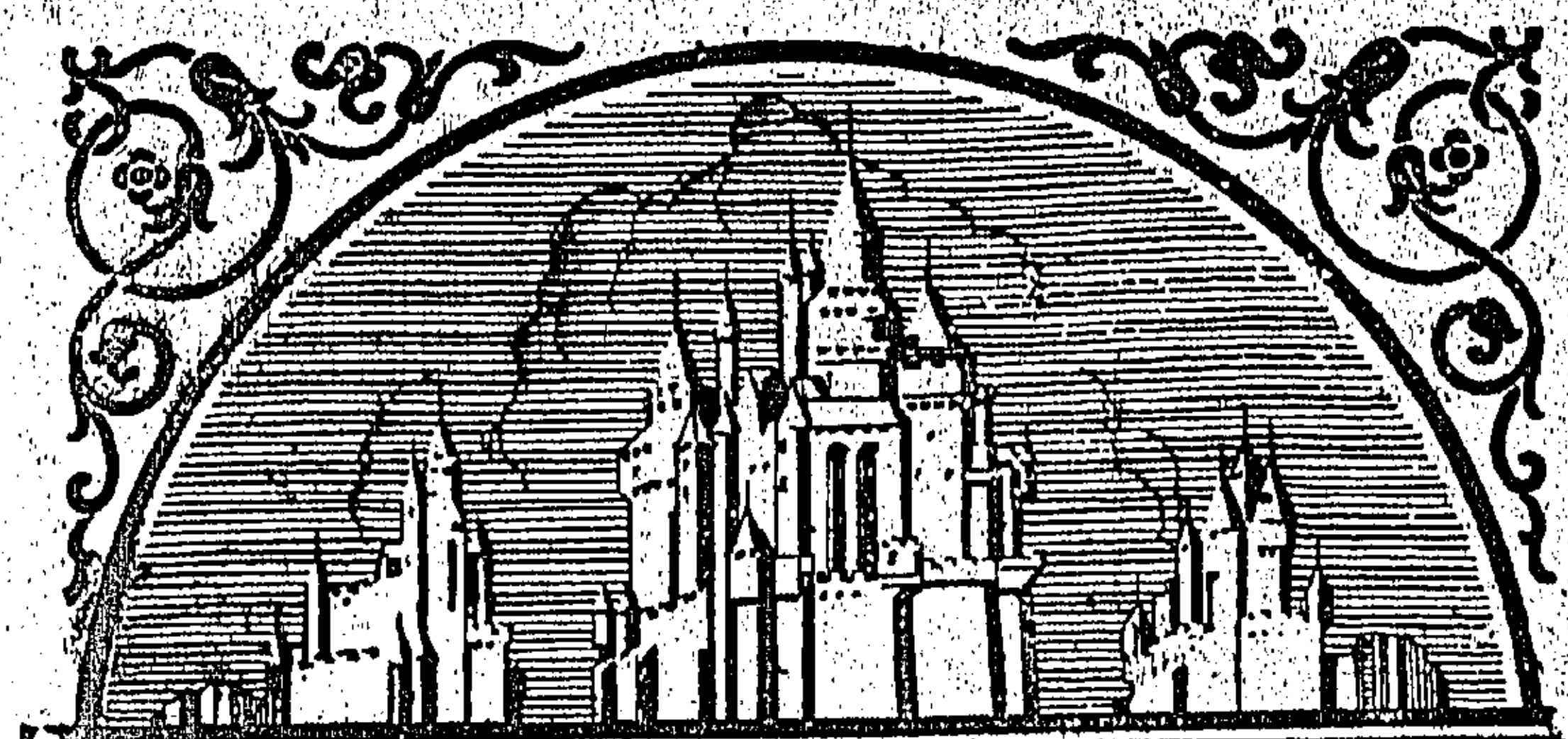
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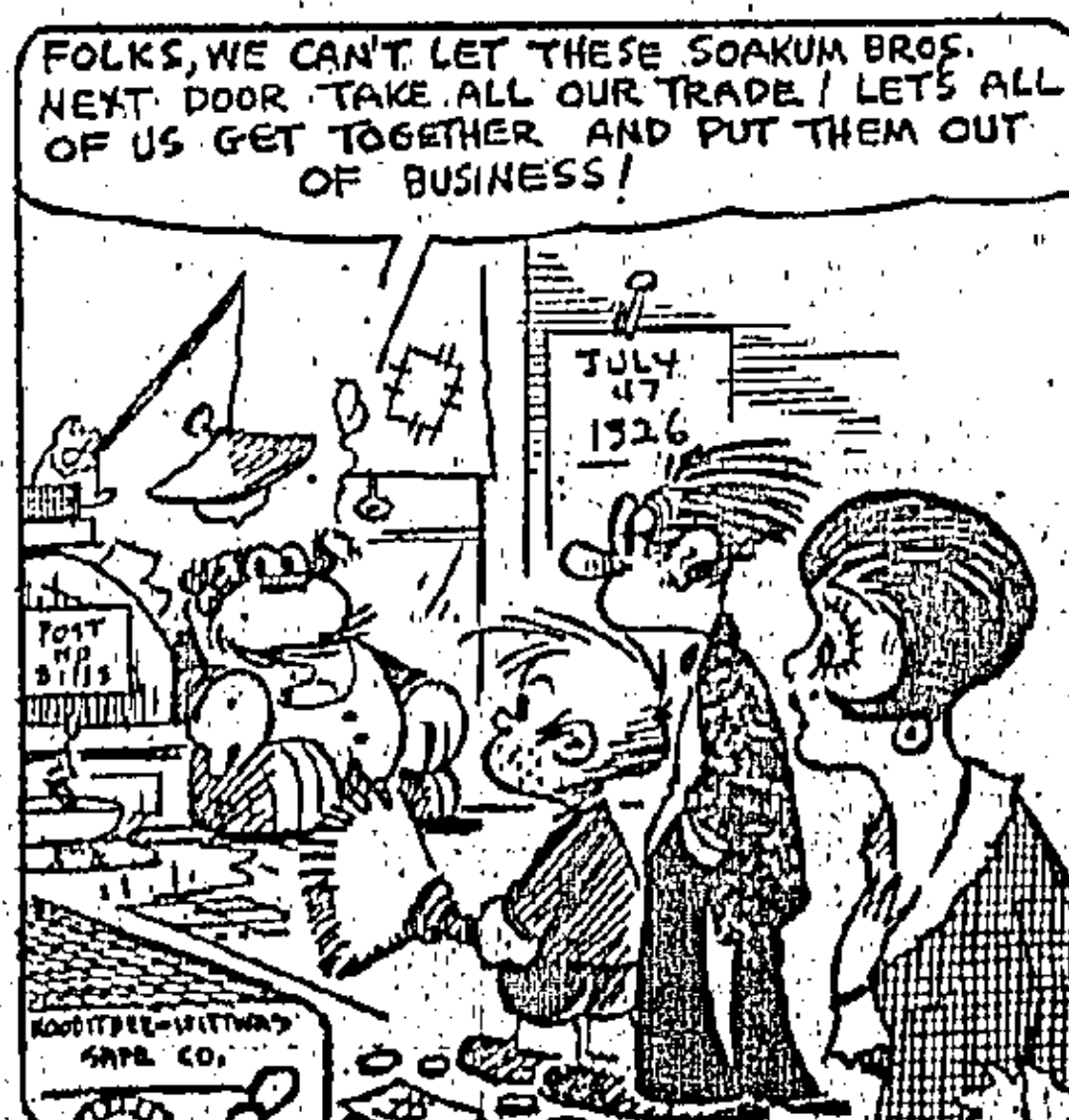
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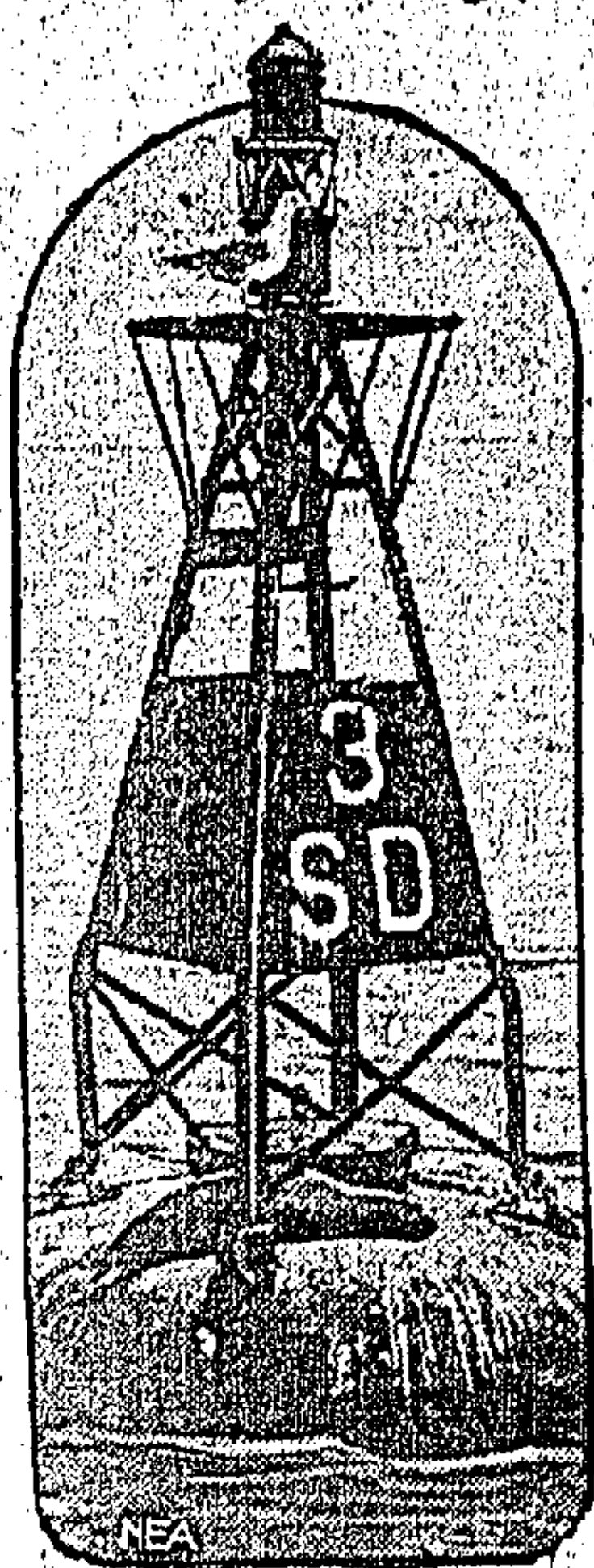
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BIG TRIAL.—Col. Thomas W. Miller, centre with his counsel, Col. William Rand, left and ex-Judge R. S. Johnstone, entering court in the Daugherty-Miller trial.



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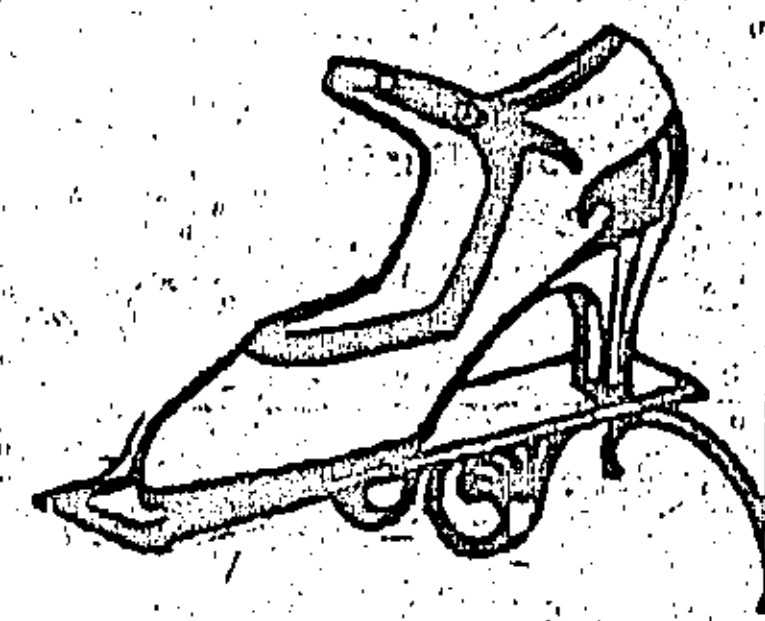
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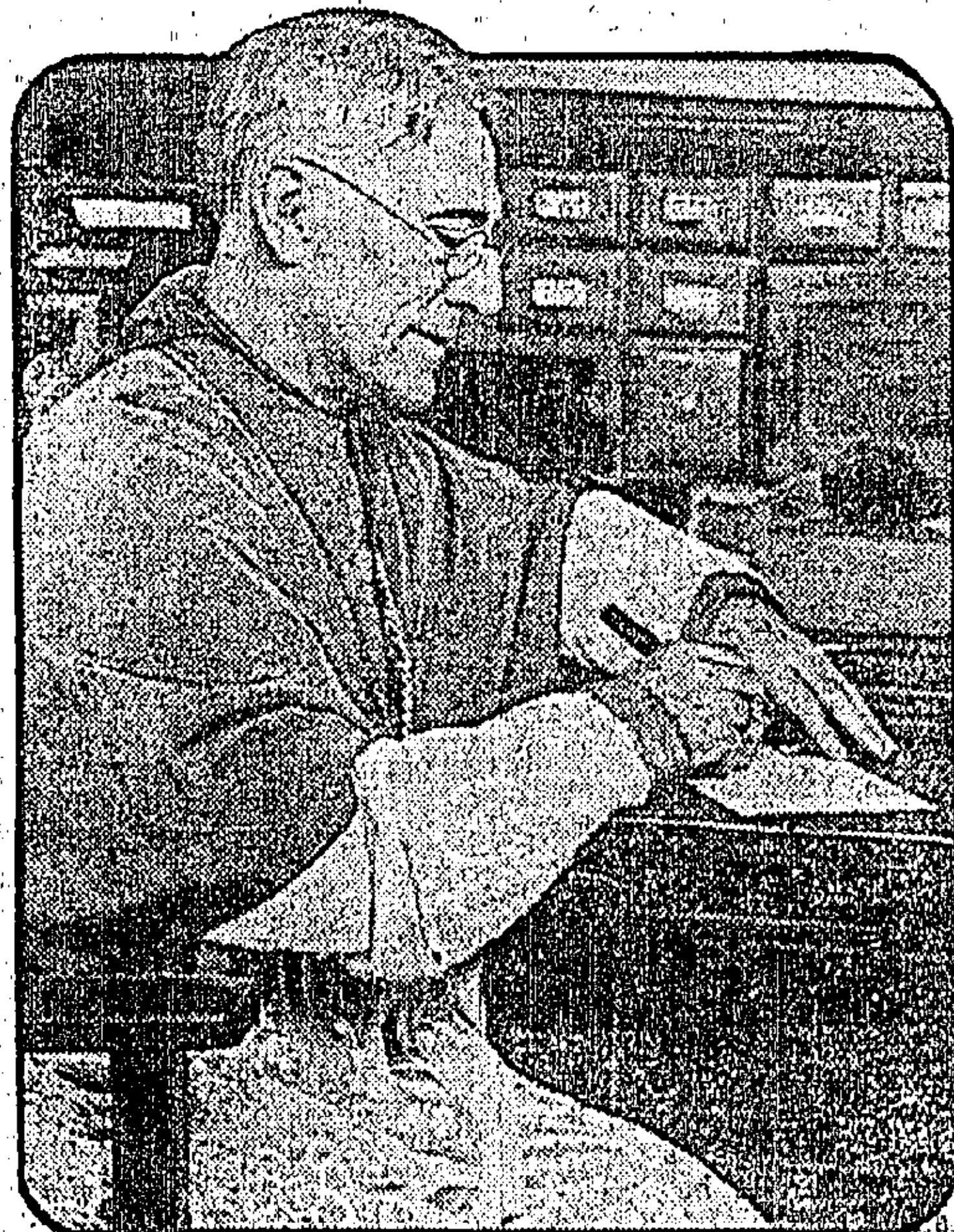
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TENNIS STARS.—Rene LaCoste (right) gave France the right to meet America in the Davis Cup tennis finals when he defeated Tameo Tawara of Japan (left). Tawara was defeated 6-1, 6-3, 6-2, and never had a chance with the flashing Frenchman.



NEW REVOLUTION IN GREECE.—Last month saw the overthrow of General Pangalos, the Greek Dictator, and the establishment of another Government. Our picture is of General Kondylis, who is a principal figure in this new revolution. (Times copyright.)



NEW ARCHBISHOP FOR TEXAS.—Rt. Rev. Arthur J. Drossaerts, for eight years bishop of San Antonio, Texas, has been appointed archbishop of the newly created Roman Catholic archdiocese of San Antonio, formerly a part of the New Orleans province. The new archdiocese contains approximately 1,000,000 Catholics, with church property valued at \$20,000,000.



FLOWERS OF VICTORY.—Mrs. Molla Bjurstedt Mallory with her winning smile and her trophies, after defeating Miss Elizabeth Ryan in the finals of the national women's singles tennis match at Forest Hills.



GOING INTO BATTLE.—Miss Elizabeth Ryan, left, and Mrs. Molla Bjurstedt Mallory, leaving the club house of the West Side Tennis Club at Forest Hills, Long Island, to enter the court for the finals of the national women's singles match, in which Mrs. Mallory won the title for the seventh time.

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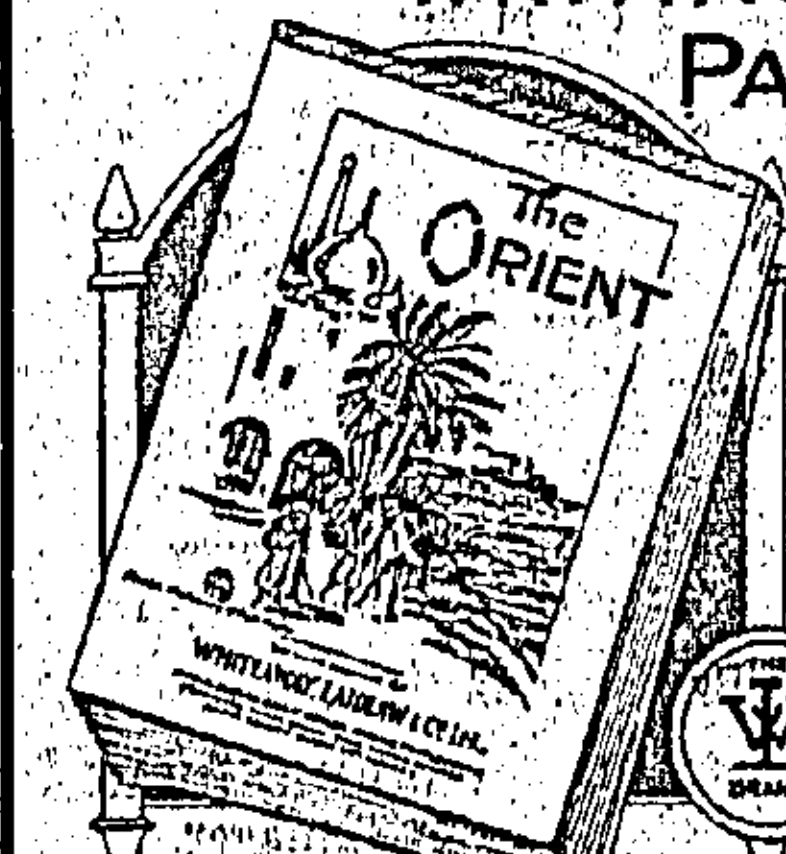
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NOTICE.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 6, Des Voeux Road, Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on the 23rd day of October, 1926, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing as Extraordinary Resolutions, the subjoined Resolutions:—

1. "That the nominal sterling capital of the Company as existing at the date when this Resolution is confirmed as a special Resolution be converted into Hongkong currency at such rate of Exchange as may be determined by the Board; and that such capital so converted be increased beyond the Hongkong equivalent of such sterling capital when such conversion takes place to the sum of \$11,000,000, Hongkong currency, divided into 275,000 shares of \$40 each."
2. "That each of the issued sterling shares of the Company of the nominal value of \$5 each, upon each of which the sum of \$5 has been paid, be converted into one share of the nominal value of \$40 Hongkong currency, at such rates of Exchange as may be resolved upon and determined by the Board, and accordingly that 216,605 shares out of the 275,000 shares of the nominal value of \$40 each, constituting the capital of the Company so converted and increased may be distributed by the Board to the persons who are registered as shareholders of the Company at the date when this Resolution is confirmed as a Special Resolution in exchange for the sterling shares then held by them."
3. That the Articles of Association be altered by deleting Article 184 and substituting therefor the following article:

184. "A dividend, instalment of dividend, or interest payable in cash by the Company to a shareholder in respect of a share, may be paid by 'posting a cheque, order of warrant for the amount in a cover directed to the shareholder at his registered address, or by 'payment of a cheque or 'granting of an order or 'warrant on production of the dividend book issued by the Company in respect of such share. Every such warrant shall be made payable to the Company's Head Office or other appointed place of payment. The Company shall be discharged from 'liability for the sum expressed in any warrant by 'payment according to any 'order for payment or endorsement thereon, purporting to be made by the 'payee therein named, or by any other person on his behalf, and no person shall be entitled to payment of any dividend, instalment or dividend bonus, or interest for which a warrant shall have been so posted, or for which payment shall have been made by a 'cheque or the granting of an order or warrant on 'production of the dividend book as aforesaid, except 'upon presentation of the 'warrant."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY given that should the above Resolutions be passed by the requisite majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company to be held on the 10th day of November, 1926, at the same time and place.

By order of the Board,
LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, October 14, 1926.

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NOTICE.

The Fifth Annual Aquatic Sports of The Police and Prison Departments will be held at the Victoria Recreation Club, on Saturday the 16th at 3 p.m. Under the Distinguished Patronage of H.E. the Governor Sir C. Clementi K.C.M.G., Sir H. Gollan K.T., C.B.E., The Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. J. W. Franks, Lieut. Commr. G. F. Hole R.N.

All Friends of both departments are cordially invited to attend.

FANLING HUNT RACES.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 30TH 1926.

Entries for the Steeplechase Meeting at Kwant' Race Course, Fanling, close on Saturday, October 16th, to Mr. A. H. Potts care of Benjamin & Potts, from whom entry forms may be obtained.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th October, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 2nd Nov., or they will not be recognised.

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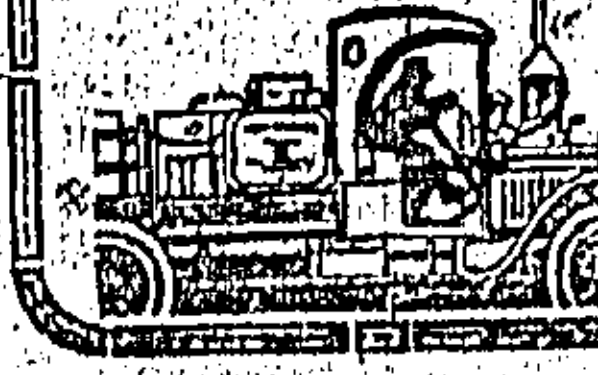
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MALAYA'S FUTURE.

(Continued From Page 1.)

that road, and in this connection I would mention one particular matter.

A CUSTOMS UNION.

The Colony has grown up under Free Trade. Her prosperity rests on the maintenance of Singapore as a free port. I do not suggest that anything should be done to alter that position; but it is a matter for consideration whether the time is not ripe for something on the lines of a Customs Union. It may not be possible at present to arrive at a complete Union, but we might go some way on the road by aiming as far as possible at uniform rates of common taxes, and by starting some system under which each party to the Union would act as Agent for collecting the duties on goods consigned to the party.

Some such idea, I think, in the air. Business men both in the Colony and the Federated Malay States have spoken to me about it. I believe that if he was with us to-day, the idea would find favour with Raffles himself. If it is to come to anything, I would prefer that the initiative should rest with the business community rather than with the Government, and I commend the idea to your Association. If you in the Colony should care to take the matter up with the Chambers of Commerce and go into it with your friends in the Federated Malay States, Government will give you all the assistance in its power in the investigation of the problem.

DREAMS AND VISIONS.

I have outlined to you my ideas as to the future of Malaya. There is a text which says—"Your old men shall dream dreams and your young men shall see visions." I have told you my dream, and I hope that my words may encourage younger men to see visions of the wonderful future which lies ahead of Malaya, and to endeavour to turn those vision into realities, and so hasten the day when a fully developed Malaya will take the proud place which she is destined to fill in that company of diverse but united communities which make up the British Empire. (Cheers).

DEATH OF "JOEY."

MONKEY WHO MADE LONDON LAUGH.

"Joey," a monkey whose antics have done something on several occasions to brighten London, joined the great majority in mail week, and was certified to have succumbed to pneumonia. A native of the African jungle, large, brown, and extremely alert, he was eight years of age. It was two years ago when he first achieved fame. Escaping from his then master, Mr. James Gibbons, of Samson-street, Camberwell Green, he enjoyed nearly a fortnight of glorious freedom. He had a gay time on the roofs and in the gardens of Camberwell, and once made an appearance at an open-air election meeting, pelting the "platform" with various missiles, to the delight of the juveniles of the neighbourhood. He was eventually recaptured by a rat-catcher. Some months later he passed into the possession of Mr. George Palmer, at whose Pet Stores in Park-street, Camden Town, he has just died.

On one occasion "Joey" broke out of his cage in Mr. Palmer's shop. After many vain efforts to secure him he drank a mixture of beer and whisky, which was hoisted up to the roof in a pot, fell asleep, and was taken without further trouble. Since then, until about a month ago, his master gave him a nip of whisky every day.

Mr. Piddington, the newly created Industrial Commissioner for the State of New South Wales, has admitted the Seamen's Union to registration, but has ordered it to deposit \$300 security as good behaviour money, to be released after six months.

The new tower which was recently added to the Speech Room at Harrow School has been fitted with a bell weighing 11½ cwt. Dedicated to the late Lord Long of Wraxall, an Old Harrovian and Governor of the School, the bell will be put into use on special occasions.

RECORDS DESTROYED.

DICLOSURES IN RENT CLAIM.

"I have been unable to obtain any direct evidence as to the rent of the premises on December 31st, 1920, owing to the fact that the Assessment Office, in its wisdom, informs my friend and myself that all returns in connection with houses for the years prior to 1920-1921 have been destroyed," said Mr. L. D. Turner this morning in the Summary Court, defending an action for rent.

The case was one in which Mak Tung-shi, by her attorney, Ip Li-kong, sued the National Optical Company, 80 Queen's Central, ground-floor, for \$1,000 rent. Mr. M. K. Lo was for the plaintiff and Mr. L. D. Turner defended. The case was previously adjourned for the purpose of ascertaining the standard rent, and seeking the aid of the Assessor.

Addressing Mr. Justice Wood, Mr. Turner said the Assessment office had itself put it out of its own power to give evidence that the court might require. He was now quite helpless on that account. His client had made direct enquiries to see old tenants of the premises with a view to getting first hand evidence, but he had not been successful.

His Lordship remarked if the tenant did not want to finish the contract he had to seek the protection of the Ordinance and show he was entitled to it. He had to show the standard rent. If he was unable to find any evidence to bring the case within the circumstances contemplated in the definition in the Ordinance, and he was unable to establish the standard rent, the onus being on him, then he remained bound by his contract.

Mr. Turner said he agreed with His Lordship, and asked him to make a note of the object of the Ordinance as to the means of obtaining evidence.

THE JUDGMENT.

In summing up, His Lordship said the tenant had to prove that he was entitled to the protection of the Ordinance, and that he was not liable to pay rent agreed to be due under the contract. In order that he may succeed the onus was upon the tenant to show that the standard rent of the domestic tenement was a sum less than the amount claimed on the writ. There was no evidence before him to show what, if any rent, had been paid in respect of the tenement at any date prior to the contract under consideration.

The Ordinance made a special provision that a certificate given by the Assessor in respect of a domestic tenement should be received in evidence of such rent. It was unfortunate, therefore that the records of the Assessor, which were supposed to be valuable for this purpose when this Section was passed, seemed to have been destroyed.

In reply to His Lordship, Mr. Turner said he did not know when the records were destroyed, and His Lordship remarked they might have been destroyed even at the time the ordinance was passed.

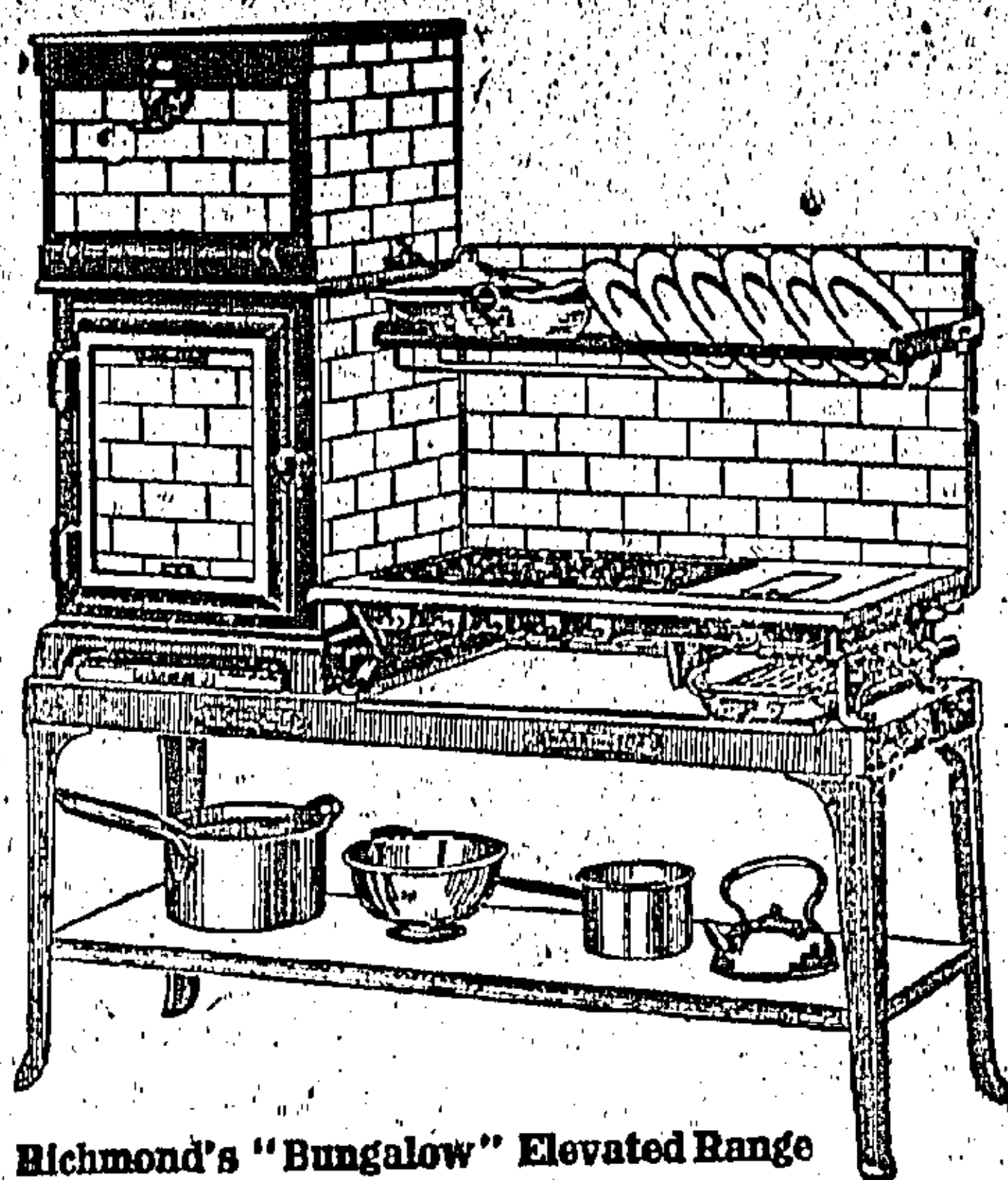
Continuing, His Lordship said the Court was in the position that the standard rent in respect of the premises in question was not known. They might have been previously let, or they might not. The result was that the onus of proving the standard rent, which was on the defendant was not discharged, and he was unable to obtain the protection of the ordinance which he sought.

The plaintiff was not bound by any other proceedings or by any admissions as to rent, but for the purposes of this case it was agreed that there had been over-payment of rent, and a considerable sum was therefore recoverable. His Lordship's opinion was that the right to recover overpaid rent was a personal right between two parties, and did not survive the assignment of a successor by the lessor.

He gave judgment for the plaintiff for the amount claimed and costs.

The royal barge built by the Lord Ellesmere, which Queen Victoria often used while staying at Worsley Hall, will be on view at the Port of Manchester during Manchester's Civic Week, October 2-9.

According to a return issued by the Treasury the total number of persons of both sexes employed in Government Departments on July 1 was 301,950. This is an increase of 5,692, compared with April 1 last. The staff of the Post Office shows an increase of 2,251 and that of the Ministry of Labour 8,468.



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PIRACY.

SMALL CHINESE STEAMER
SEIZED.

The Chinese steamer Shing On, on route from Canton to Swabue was pirated while passing Saching-how, about 12 miles from Sam-panchow, and not a great distance from the Bocca Tigris Forts. The pirates had come aboard at Canton disguised as passengers, and it is now known that the firearms with which they were armed were brought aboard concealed in a basket of carambolas.

The capture of the vessel occurred about 11 o'clock on the 11th, and was effected with only one casualty, one Chinese guard being shot down in cold blood because he had insisted on searching the passengers a number of times, suspecting that some of them were in the possession of revolvers.

The ship was taken to Kian Island by its new masters, and there the Shing On was met by a fishing junk and a steam launch. The first and second compartments and four of their staff, together with about 60 passengers, were taken off the boat, and are now being held for ransom.

The ship's cook, who is believed to have been in with the pirates and to have engineered the bringing aboard of the basket of carambolas, also left the vessel. All of the valuable cargo was removed, and taken aboard the launch and fishing junk. The Shing On was then allowed to put back to Canton, and reached here at 7 o'clock this evening.

MISSIONARIES SAFE.

ALL AT SIANFU ALLOWED TO
DEPART.

Peking, Oct. 13.

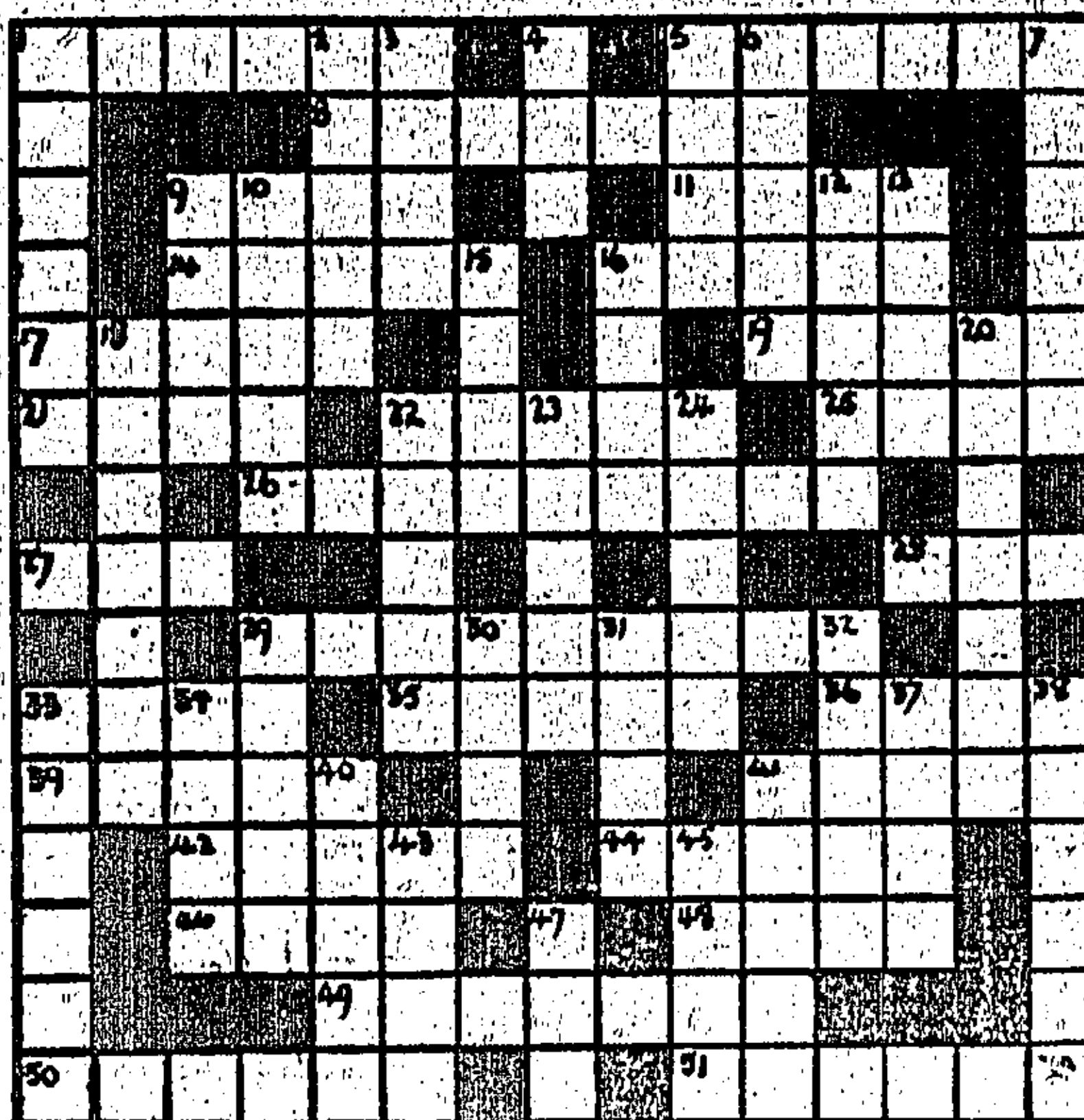
Mr. Wheeler has wired to the Legation stating that through the good offices of General Liu-Chen-hua, the Tupan, all the foreign missionaries at Sianfu have been brought out of the place in safety, except the Reverend and Mrs. Jensen and apparently some Catholics who have decided to remain.

[On the 7th instant, Messrs. Wheeler and Wyatt, Britons, left Peking for Sianfu on this mission, and the American Legation also authorised one of its military attaches to go there in the interests of the American missionaries.]

Later.

It now transpires that in addition to the Rev. and Mrs. Jensen, six British men have remained in Sianfu.—Reuter.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

- 1 Affecting influence.
- 5 British Dominion.
- 8 Make a pretence.
- 9 Floating structure.
- 11 Ancient city.
- 14 Discount.
- 16 Dried.
- 17 Wooden frame.
- 19 Roman magistrate.
- 21 Bobbin for thread.
- 22 Assault.
- 25 At the summit.
- 26 Producing an effect.
- 27 Covered vehicle.
- 28 Consumed.
- 29 Person easily imposed upon.
- 33 Dam.
- 35 One who puts a value on.
- 36 Breezy.
- 39 Confess.
- 41 Degrade.
- 42 Simple.
- 44 Sharp instrument.
- 46 Long cut.
- 48 Young bears.
- 49 Used in shoemaking.
- 50 Division in a church.
- 51 Guard.

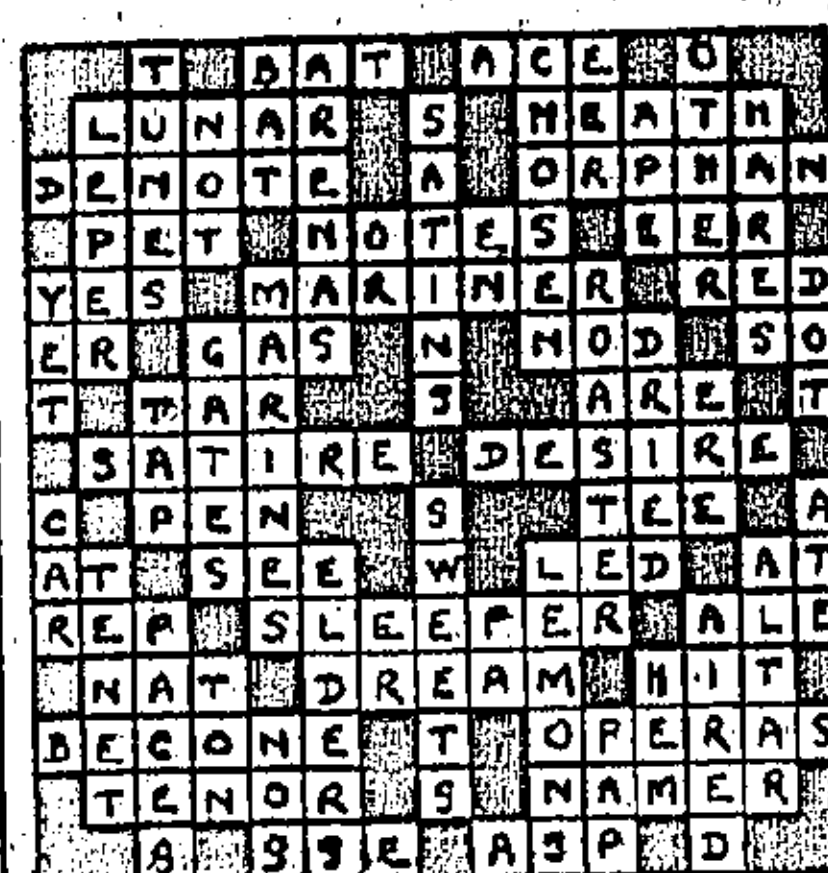
Down.

- 1 Think.
- 2 Carrion.
- 3 Fixes.
- 4 Tavern.
- 5 Cover with wax.
- 6 Worship.
- 7 At rest.
- 9 Level with the ground.
- 10 White poplar.
- 12 Piece of metal like a coin.
- 13 Superintend the publication of.

15 Stone of fine grit.

- 16 Fat of an animal.
- 18 Put air into.
- 20 Delays.
- 22 Tender.
- 23 Perfume.
- 24 British dynasty.
- 26 Roll on a gridiron.
- 30 Reward for labour.
- 31 One who inherits from an ancestor.
- 32 Indian ruler.
- 33 Punctuates.
- 34 Little devils.
- 37 Parts of the head.
- 38 Annually.
- 40 Appendages.
- 41 Blue sky colour.
- 43 Paragraph.
- 45 Playing cards with only one pip.
- 47 Possessive pronoun.

Yesterday's Puzzle.



For exhibiting to Territorials on the march placards issued by a Communist paper, Bernard Coyle, miner, was fined £25 or three months' hard labour at Wigan.

Reuter's correspondent at St. John's, Newfoundland, states that Sir Michael Patrick Cashin, who was Prime Minister of Newfoundland in 1919, has died suddenly.

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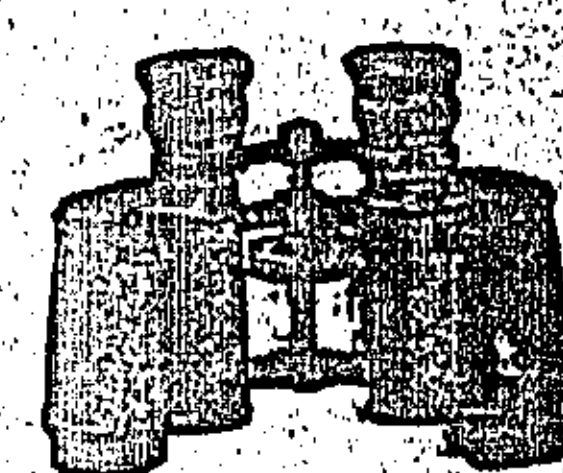
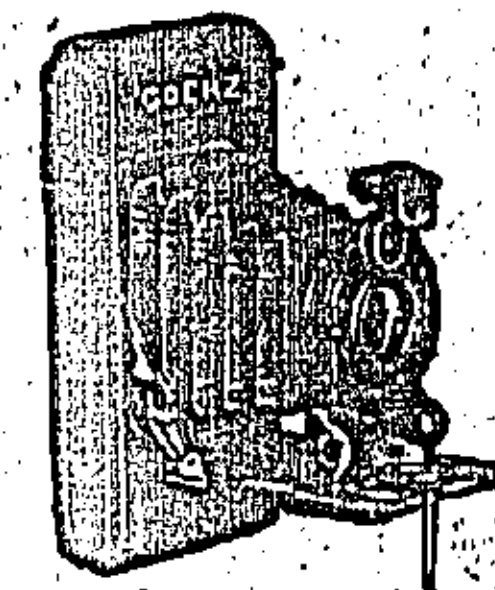
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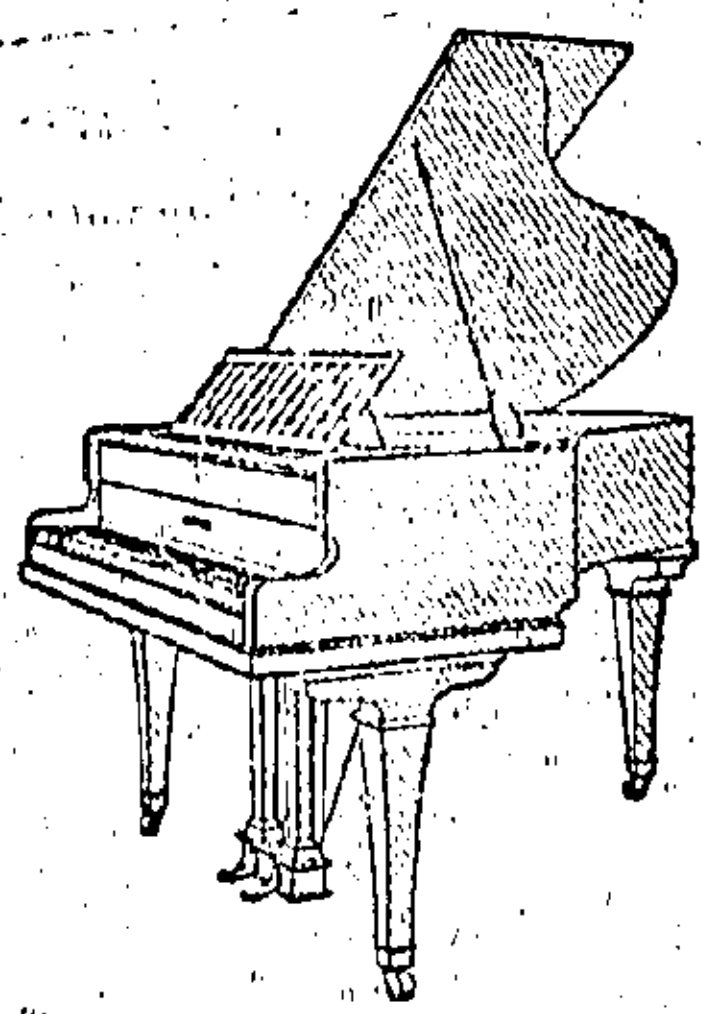
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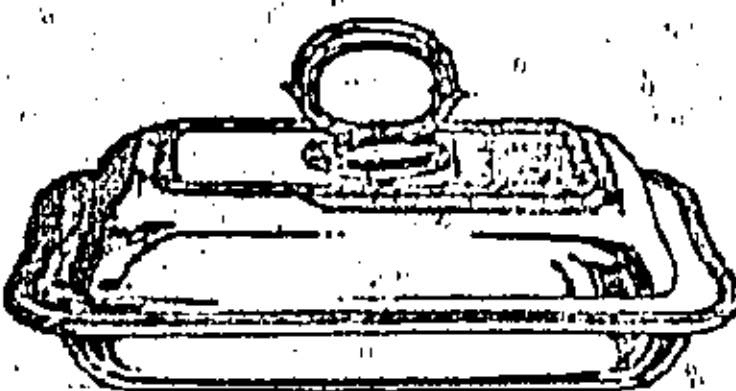
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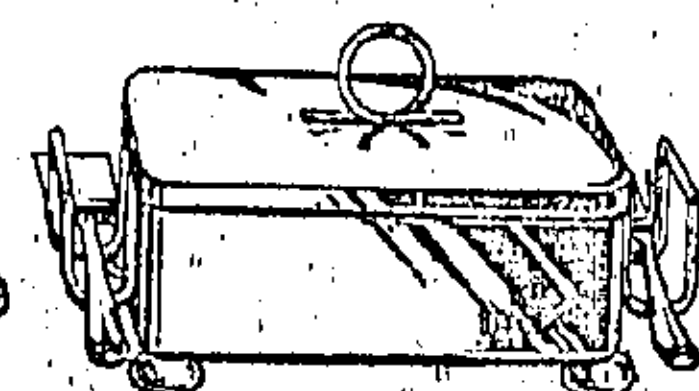
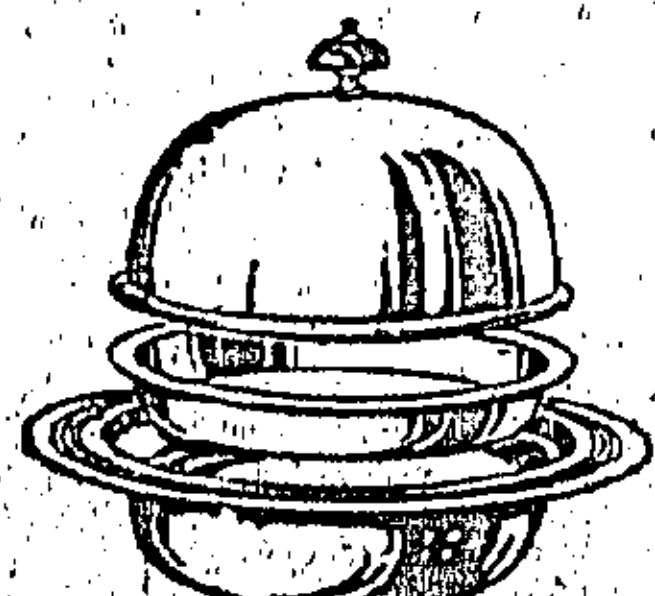
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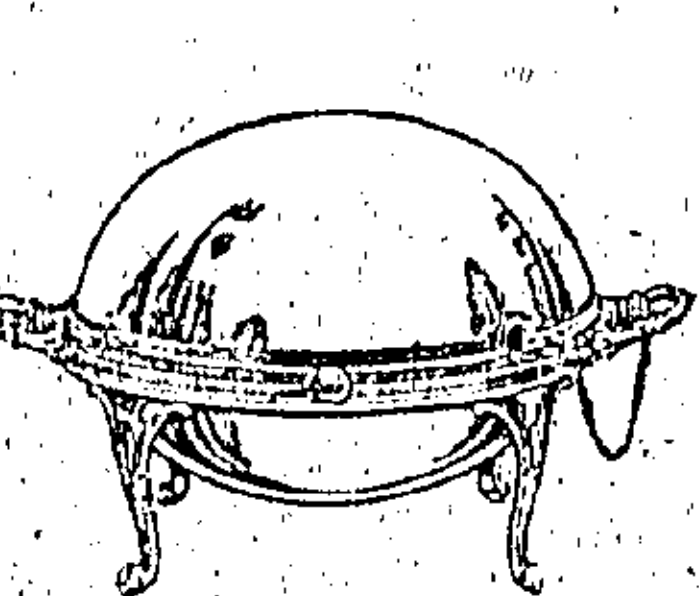
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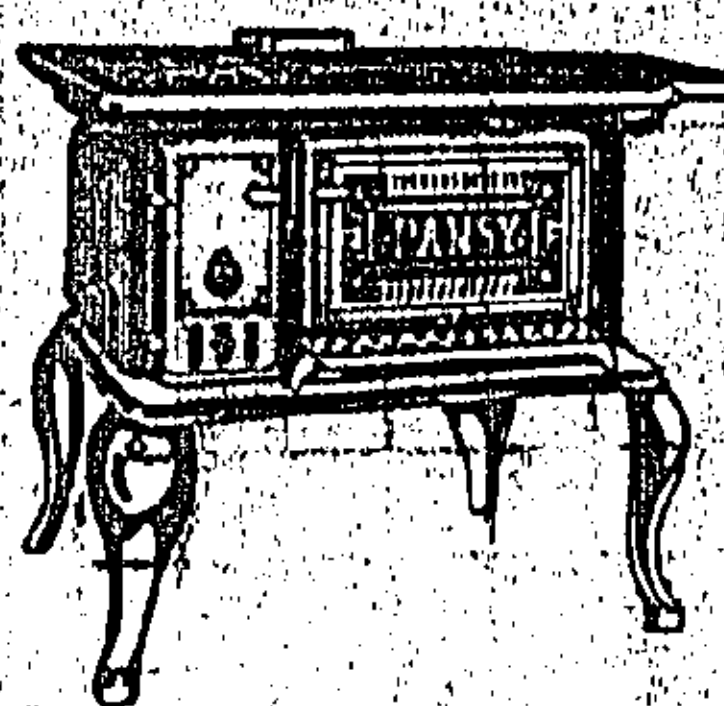
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THE COMING BOOM.

Despite the fact that the ban on shipping between Hongkong and Canton has been lifted, a measure of indecision and doubt, amounting in some instances to pessimism, is still apparent locally in regard to the events of the past few days. There are two factors which account for this—one, the talk of a bigger and more intensified boycott of British goods; and the other, the somewhat natural disinclination, after so many months of stagnation, to take anything for granted. On the first point, there has been some confusion in terms. We have all become accustomed to talk of "the boycott," whereas it is the blockade which has done most harm to this Colony. Admittedly, the boycotting of British goods has gone on side by side with the ban on shipping; but, as we shall show later, that is, relatively speaking, a secondary though by no means unimportant matter.

Those who are inclined to pessimistic views appear to forget that the trade in British goods represents only a fraction of the commerce of this Colony. Indeed, it has been calculated that quite three-quarters of Hongkong's trade is in non-British goods. This Colony has served for many long years as the distributing point for an enormous coastal trade, mostly Chinese, and it is mainly this business which has made Hongkong the great port that it is. All manner of native products—not forgetting the tremendous trade in rice—have been handled from this port, which has been found the natural and most economic point of distribution. For the past fifteen months, the greater part of that trade has been diverted to other ports, at a much greater cost to all concerned, let it be remembered. But now that the ban on shipping has been lifted, there must inevitably be a return of that trade, quite irrespective of the point as to whether the actual boycott of British goods continues or not. That is an aspect of the situation which needs stressing at the moment, and it is one which appears to have been somewhat overlooked. With artificial restrictions removed, trade is bound to flow through the most economic channels—and Hongkong is the natural port of service for South China. So that even if

the boycott of British goods persists (and let us remember, that the new movement is not backed up by organised force, being in that regard a distinct improvement on the old), there is no reason to fear that the main bulk of the Colony's trade will be interfered with.

It may be human nature, after our past experiences, to be a trifle dubious regarding the future, but we cannot see that anything is to be gained at the moment by indulging in forebodings. Neither is there any excuse for business people to "wait for others to make a move." Let us take the removal of the shipping ban as an accepted fact, and get on with the business of taking every advantage of the assured resumption of normal conditions. The boom is coming; we may be sure, and the fruits of it will be garnered by those who display the energy and the enterprise for which there is now such pressing need.

The Coal Issue.

The decision of the safety-men to remain at work, in spite of the official determination of the Miners' Federation to continue and intensify the strike, will have been greeted with satisfaction by all but the very extremist element of the trade union movement, because it would have been very hard indeed to have justified action aimed at the ruin of the idle mines. There is still a fair amount of sympathy with the miners but there would be no sympathy at all if they were successful in instigating such disastrous and wickedly destructive action as the calling out of the safety-men by whose work the pits are kept in an operative condition. It says much for the leaders of the Safety-men's Union that they persuaded their delegates to record a unanimous vote against a stoppage. And meanwhile, the miners' plight goes from bad to worse. Their ranks are showing a growing cleavage, there are more and more men returning to work every day in direct opposition to the decree of the Federation, there is little hope of an embargo on foreign coal supplies proving successful in any way, and there is very openly expressed opposition among many other trade unions belonging to the Trades Union Congress to the idea of a levy in aid of the miners and their families. The state of British industry is not so flourishing that the country's workers can saddle themselves with the cost of maintaining over a million unemployed miners, and it would seem that there is nothing for the miners but to capitulate on the owners' terms or to continue the struggle alone. Everything points to a failure of the miners on the main point of a national agreement, because they have been abandoned by the Government on that issue and have failed to forge any stronger weapons with which to wage their fight than the one of work abstention which they have used, since May last. As Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has pointed out, the miners must sooner or later face the economic facts of the present situation, and when they do that it will inevitably mean a return to work.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Rugby, Oct. 13.
Paris	170 3/4
Brussels	174 1/2
Amsterdam	12 1/2
Berlin	20 3/8
Copenhagen	18 2 1/2
Vienna	34 3/8
Helsingfors	19 3/4
London	25 1/2
Buenos Aires	45 59/64
Bombay	1 1/2
Yokohama	1 1/2
New York	48 3/16
Geneva	25 1/2
Milan	120 1/2
Stockholm	218 1/2
Oslo	20 3/8
Lyons	163 1/2
Madrid	32 3/8
Rio	6 15/16
Shanghai	2 1/2
Hongkong	2 1/4
Silver (spot)	25 15/16
Silver (forward)	25 1/2

—British Wireless.

According to a label attached to it, a toy balloon found near Newquid (Rhine) was released at a children's fête in Birmingham on July 21. The label bore an English postage stamp and requested the finder to forward information regarding the date and place of its discovery.

DAY BY DAY.

IT HAS BEEN WELL OBSERVED THAT FEW ARE BETTER QUALIFIED TO GIVE OTHERS ADVICE THAN THOSE WHO HAVE TAKEN THE LEAST OF IT THEMSELVES.—Goldsmith.

One Chinese case of typhoid fever was reported yesterday.

The war memorial at Bedford School was opened by Prince Henry.

Amongst the passengers who arrived by the s.s. President Lincoln were Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Sackling, and Mrs. F. McD. Courtney.

Mr. D. Mackenzie, the well known diver of Talkoo Dock, leaves for Home with Mrs. Mackenzie and three children on Saturday by s.s. Morea.

Sir Henry Pollock returns to the Colony early next week and the Hon. Dr. W. V. M. Koch, who has occupied Sir Henry's seat on the Legislative Council, leaves on holiday.

Mr. A. Ogilvie, architect, will give a lecture at the University Union at 8.30 p.m. on Friday on "The Ruins of Angkor." Mr. Ogilvie will illustrate his talk by cinematographic pictures of the ruins.

In aid of the U. C. and M. C. L. Funds, the operetta "Playmates" is to be given by the children of Quarry Bay in the Talkoo Club Hall on Saturday night. The prices of tickets, which can be had at the Club on the night of the performance, are \$2 and \$1.

Miss Dorothy Holyoak, whose marriage to Captain C. D. Armstrong, of the East Surreys, is to take place at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday, will be given away by His excellency the Governor. The best man will be Lieut. C. J. Yeo, of the East Surrey regiment.

Passengers sailing for the north by s.s. Empress of Asia this morning included Mr. and Mrs. W. Albert, Mrs. M. E. Asger, Mr. W. R. Butcher, Mr. J. S. T. Fall, Mr. J. S. Gubbay, Mr. C. S. Gubbay, Mr. R. S. James, Lieut. H. E. Magnusson, Mr. J. L. Robinson, Major and Mrs. O. P. Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. D. Templeton and Mr. Liang Shih-yi.

Amongst the passengers who arrived yesterday by the s.s. Antenor were:—Mr. D. H. Blake, Mr. P. H. Cobb, Mrs. Greig, Miss E. V. Hughes, Mrs. Holyoak, Miss J. Holyoak, Miss D. Holyoak, Capt. and Mrs. J. D. Joll, Mrs. Jacobs-Larkoom, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lay, Mrs. A. C. Middleton, Mrs. H. R. Remington, Mrs. Syme-Thomson, Mrs. E. L. Sim, Mrs. Whyte-Smith, and Miss Aileen Woods.

The following vessels are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—Empress of Asia, Mausang, City of Baroda, Van Overstraten, Jeyore, Tjisalak, Tjikarang, Knut Jarl, Talamba, Tjikini, Anking, Andes Maru, Menado Maru, Mishima Maru, Tone Maru, Antenor, Porthos, Songbo, Kumsang, Robert Dollar and Mantua.

There is a typhoon to the south of Hongkong, which, according to to-day's report of the Royal Observatory, appears to cover 200 miles S. S. E. of the Colony. It is moving westward, in the direction of the Paracels and Tourane. A Manila warning received to-day says there is a depression in the Sea. The local forecast up till noon to-morrow is:—"East winds, strong; overcast, occasional rain."

Representatives of the Canadian wheat pools and the principal wheat-growing organizations of the United States, meeting as a provisional committee, have selected Kansas City (Missouri) as the venue of the International Conference of Wheat Pools, which is to be held on March 16 next year, when a definite plan will be submitted for a world-wide wheat pool.

The return of the number of cases of notifiable disease occurred in the Colony during the week ended Saturday last shows one Chinese case of diphtheria and six cases of enteric fever, classified as four Chinese, one Welsh and one Indian. Two cases were imported. There was one death from cerebro-spinal fever, nationally not mentioned. The Colony had a clean bill of health on Tuesday.

FAREWELL TO
SURREYS.TO-NIGHT'S GOVERNMENT
HOUSE FUNCTION.

Excellent arrangements have been made for the dinner and dance at Government House to-night, which is taking the form of a farewell to the officers of the East Surrey Regiment, and it is expected that about three hundred and fifty people will be present to participate in the event. About seventy have been invited to attend the dinner, which will precede the dancing. Those present will include Major General C. C. Luard G. O. C. China Command, Rear Admiral Stirling, Lieut.-Col. F. S. Montague Bates, commanding officer of the East Surreys, senior officers, representative units of the local Command, naval and civil representatives, and well-known local residents. The dinner will be held at 7.45, and dancing will commence at 9.30. Dress is white mess jacket, and black tie.

The ball room is being suitably decorated, a feature being paper baskets of flowers, gaily coloured, with Chinese characters, which are to be suspended from the ceiling. With suitable lighting these should produce very pretty effects. The floor, which is being treated with a special powder, will be found to be in excellent condition. This room has been completely re-decorated, and there is a wide verandah outside where guests can sit out. Two drawing rooms will also be used as sitting-out places, and in addition chairs and other accommodation will be provided in the corridors. The billiard room will be available for the use of non-dancers, and rooms have also been set aside for those who are inclined for a hand at cards. If the weather clears up, accommodation will be afforded for guests in the grounds of Government House, but if the rain continues this arrangement will probably not be put into effect. Owing to the limited space of the dining room, the dinner and supper will be held in the supper room, and the dining room will be used as a buffet.

GUARDS' MEMORIAL.

SATURDAY'S IMPRESSIVE
CEREMONY.

Rugby, Oct. 13.

On Saturday, the War Memorial of the Guards, which has been erected on the Horse Guards Parade will be unveiled by the Duke of Connaught.

From the remotest parts of the country and even from the Dominions over 6,000 men who served with the Guards during the war will gather for the ceremony. There will be on parade nearly 4,000 guardsmen now serving.

After the ceremony, there will be a March Past down the Mall, the Duke of Connaught taking the salute. That will be a scene unparalleled since the days of the war. Just as then, there will be in the column a queer conglomeration of uniform and civilian clothes. This column, which will be headed by the King's Company of the 1st Battalion of the Grenadier Guards, will be more than two miles in length. At the head of the column and immediately behind the King's Company, will be a section recalling the memories of the war, of twelve men who will parade in service kit with tin helmets, khaki and knapsacks—just a vision of the Guards as they were in the mud of France and Flanders. These "Active Service" men will be posted round the base of the Memorial, during the ceremony.—British Wireless.

A military orchestra will provide the music, and will play all the latest and most popular dance tunes.

On October 20th, prior to their departure on the 27th, the non-commissioned officers, and men of the East Surreys regiment will be entertained by Lady Clement at an "at home" at Government House, when it is expected that between two and three hundred will be present. A very enjoyable programme is being arranged. The services of local artists are being secured for the purpose of giving a play in the grounds, and the guests will be entertained to tea and miscellaneous items in the ball room.

The Very Idea!

Spring generally is considered the silly season. Is autumn trying to usurp the title? We'll have to wait and see. Not so long ago it was Mah Jongg. No home was complete without a table piled with little pieces of bamboo having laundry mark inscriptions. Then it was the cross word puzzle. Dictionaries were in demand. We all searched encyclopedias for three-letter words meaning elephant, or some thing equally as important. During that time no home was complete without at least one maniac. Come then came along with his brightening little bit of philosophy. He was a fad, but a very nice one even if it did become exasperating to many of us at times. What will it be this autumn? There are two things on the horizon. One is the intelligence test. The other is a new religion. A gentleman with the alphabet for a name is being hailed as a great teacher. Here's an intelligence test question: Will Jiddu Krishnamurti become a fad this winter?

England's best-dressed bathers have been going into the water without getting wet. The latest style in bathing costumes is a one-piece, tightly-fitting suit made of rubber, in a variety of brilliant colours and decorated. Zebra-skin shoes complete the bizarre costumes. No stockings are the rule.

He tried to wear his father's shoes; The largest size for men. But, lo, he walked right into them. And then right out again.

"Yes, I can give you a job," said the farmer's wife. "You can collect the eggs for me if you are sure you won't steal any." "You can trust me with anything, lady. I was manager of some baths, an' wash-houses for 15 years, an' I never took a bath." Prohibition leader W. J. Finlayson adjures folk to keep away from wine, trifles and brandy sauce—they are first steps on the downward path.

Transgressors, beware. Watch your step—take care, Of the cook who concocts the confections. And trifles eschew, They'll undermine you Till you come to the end of your section. When dining you go 'Tis good to say "No!" Wine is wicked—when working or wooing. And pudding tastes well, Just as nature! Without brandy—the sauce of undoing.

In the early days of the World War the officer in charge of a British post, deep in the heart of Africa, received a wireless message from his chief:—

War declared. Arrest all enemy aliens in your district." A few days later the chief received this communication:— "Have arrested seven Germans, three Belgians, four Spaniards, five Frenchmen, a couple of Swedes, an Austrian, and an American. Please inform me whom we are at war with."

Women cannot possibly wear any fewer or any thinner clothes. Take it on the authority of Mr. Lowes Hay, chairman of the executive committee of the Drapers' Chamber of Trade of England, the absolute finality has been reached. The drapers confess themselves, unable to discover any way of clothing their clients with fewer or flimsier clothing.

Another feminine secret was let out at the convention of drapers there. The older the women become, the gauzier and more diaphanous their garments become. Sir Sidney Skinner, president of the Drapers' Chamber of Trade, is authority for this discovery.

Sir Sidney poo-pooed the idea that cold weather might make women wear heavier garments. "They would rather freeze to death than wear woollies," he said.

"I like these Louis XV shoes, but they are too tight." "Then try a pair of Louis XVI."

ECONOMIC EUROPE.

THE TREND TOWARD CO-OPERATION.

Berlin, Oct. 13. Facts are emerging which indicate that the recent informal economic negotiations throughout Europe are bearing fruit especially in the direction of combining the steel industries of all Europe, except Russia.

It is now known that negotiations for the formation of an East European Steel Trust, composed of Czechoslovakia, Austria-Hungary, and Rumania are progressing favourably and that it contemplates an alliance with the recently formed combine, while the Swedish steel industry is rapidly becoming a Trust and is tentatively discussing joining the combine. It is also expected that the report of the Anglo-German conference at Rome on Oct. 10, will, when published, reveal a measure of British co-operation, though much depends on the formation of an International Railway Trust for which negotiations are opening in London on Oct. 16. Interested optimists believe that the steel combine will be extended to allied industries and form the foundation-stone of an economic "United States of Europe."—*Reuter*.

THE ANGLO-GERMAN CONVERSATIONS.

Rugby, Oct. 13. Colonel Willey, ex-President of the Federation of British Industries, who was one of those taking part in the informal conversations between British and German industrialists during the week-end, has said that the aim of the Conference was to investigate how the general volume of world trade could be increased. Any agreements that might ultimately result, must be in the interests of the consumer and lead to a downward trend of prices. Never before had such a representative body of British industrialists met together and, quite apart from the larger aim of those participating, this was all to the good. If, in the end, the conversations led to removing some of the differences in Europe in regard to economic affairs, Col. Willey said he believed they would be of immense value in accelerating throughout the world financial contact with European reconstruction.—*British Wireless*.

"TOSCA."

LAST NIGHT'S SUCCESS.

Full of dramatic situations and delightful airs, Puccini's "Tosca," presented by the Italian Opera Company last night, attracted a fair audience to the City Hall.

Scamuzzi's Scarpia was the gem in a brilliant setting, his powerful rendering of Tosca Divina and Cantabile Scarpia being enthusiastically received. The role of Floria Tosca was well sustained by Mlle. A. Cambino, whose rich voice was heard to particular advantage in the pathetic *Vissi d'arte e d'amor*.

Signor Cauffo in the part of Mario enhanced his reputation. The acting throughout was extremely good, the interpretations of the leading roles proving highly effective.

To-night the Company shows the popular "La Bohème."

RUBBER SHARES.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. advise us of the following sales of rubber shares:—
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Allenby Rubber Co.—Interim of 10% for the year 1926/7.
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General Agullera's claim for a reduction in the fine of 200,000 pesetas imposed upon him for his connection with the plot, discovered in June, to restore constitutionalism in Spain, has been refused by the Spanish Government.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

Local Concerts—Opera Critiques.

[BY "ALLEGRO."]

In these days of \$6 and \$4 tickets and 50 cents programmes, it is interesting to note that at this season's orchestral concerts in Shanghai, the admission will again be 50 cents to any part of the Town Hall, the gallery being free. The concerts commenced on Oct. 10 and continue weekly till the end of May. As an experiment a concert specially for young people was given in April last, Mr. O. M. Green saying a few explanatory words in between each item. Over a thousand people were present, and owing to the success on that occasion, a monthly concert for children is to be given throughout the coming season.

On the whole, the M.C.L. concert on 30th Sept. pleased its patrons. Most of the items were in light vein, which was just as well, for it is the attempt to recruit local talent for an all-serious programme which usually miss the mark. With charity concerts—not only here but all the world over—the mistake is usually made of securing the services of too many performers, many of them indifferent, and putting on more than one singer of the same type of voice and more than one performer on the same instrument. The programme is too often a lengthy one, made worse by a delay in starting and an interminable interval. Therefore it is sometimes a much greater act of charity to attend the concerts themselves than to stump up the money for the tickets. Locally, the classical example, which will ever remain in the memory of those that heard it, was a "Grand Charity Concert" organised about five years ago, when the audience got its money's worth in suppressed merriment. It was worth going there simply to watch the faces of Sir Reginald Stubbs and poor Mr. Denman Fuller as they endured it.

The Musicales on Thursday afternoons at the Helena May Institute re-commence this month, the dates of the first three being Oct. 23th, Nov. 18th, and Dec. 9th. These constitute the best effort made locally to stimulate interest in the art of music and last season, at all events, were always worth attending. On 21st inst. there is to be a musical programme in conjunction with the Zeebrugge film at the Queen's Theatre. Apart from these manifestations of renewed musical activity in amateur circles, we have the Italian Opera Co. now in our midst, so that the Winter musical season—such as it is—has commenced.

One would naturally look to the Hongkong Philharmonic Society to take the lead in musical matters, but since their enthusiasm has been expended on light opera it seems as if their members have lost interest in anything so prosaic as a concert. They were to have given one last Spring but the support from members was so inadequate that it had to be abandoned. All success to them in their Gilbert and Sullivan productions, but they are not the Society's primary function. After "The Pirates of Penzance," "Trial by Jury" and "H. M. S. Pinafore" which we are to see this Winter, would it not be as well to give the Savoyard operas a rest and revert for a season or two to giving a few good concerts? They would do better, as a matter of fact, to end the season with the "Pirates" and abandon the March fixture, for after all, we have already had three of these plays in two years, and two of them in this coming season ("Trial by Jury" and "H. M. S. Pinafore" count as one production) are a tremendous tax on the loyalty and enthusiasm of producer, conductor, principals and chorus alike.

There is much I should like to write in connection with the Italian Opera Co's visit, but owing to lack of space some of the jottings must be held over. The attendances at some of the performances have been very poor indeed and one suspects it is in an effort to cheerhearten the artistes that some of the press comments have been so fulsome. Granted the talent is good for a travelling company, they can be given their due without undue flattery. I make a plea for more tempered and reasonable critiques. The *Telegraph* critiques are usually more after the style one would like to see.

In one account which I have in mind the writer flung his adjectives around so profusely and indiscriminately, that insincerity was the key-note of the whole report. Mr. Carpi probably smiles and

PUBLIC MONEY.

TO-MORROW'S COUNCIL VOTES.

As to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, several financial votes will come up for consideration. Amongst these are the following:

A sum of \$3,410 as gratuity to the widow of the late Sub-Inspector Dorrington. It is explained that in view of the fact that the late Sub-Inspector C. M. Dorrington died very suddenly at the age of 38, leaving a widow and one small child four years old, it is recommended that a charitable grant might appropriately be made for the benefit of his widow. Sub-Inspector Dorrington joined the Police Force in December, 1911. He had a satisfactory record; he was recently officer in charge of carrying out the provisions of the Women and Girls Protection Ordinance, an appointment which he filled very satisfactorily. By his death the Police Force has lost a conscientious and hardworking officer. Mrs. Dorrington has been left very inadequately provided for, and possesses very little apart from her Widows and Orphans' pension, which amounts to £72 6s. 4d. per annum. She has to meet various charges such as Hospital accounts and funeral expenses and her own living expenses up to the date of her departure out of her available funds. It is recommended that payment of a sum of £340 equaling one year's salary of the late Sub-Inspector Dorrington be approved.

SHEK O ROAD.

A sum of \$6,200 is to be asked for improvements to roads and bridges outside the city. It is explained that the amount voted for 1926 was \$7,000, against a required sum of \$13,200. As to the reasons for the excess, it is considered necessary to treat with two coats of asphalt at a total cost of \$6,200 that section of Shek O Road where it leaves the high level road at the junction of the Path to Cape D'Aguilar until it meets the low level road. This method of water-proofing the surfacing should prevent a repetition of the serious damage done to this section of the road by the heavy rains of July 19th.

RAILWAY CARRIAGES.

There is a big vote of \$211,010 for special expenditure in connection with the railway. It is explained that this sum is required to meet part cost of six new steel carriages, supplied through the Crown Agents. A sum of \$338,000 was provided in the 1925 Estimates, and it was anticipated when the 1926 Estimates were framed that all payments in England would be made before December 31st, 1925. The sum of \$10,000 only for cost of assembly and erection was, therefore, inserted in the 1926 Estimates. Owing, however, to delay in delivery only part of the purchase money was paid in 1925, and the balance \$221,010 falls due for payment in 1926, being a revote of money originally provided in 1925.

RESUMPTIONS.

On a vote of \$50,000, a supplementary vote of \$100,000 is asked for compensations and resumptions. It is stated that the amount provided in the estimates was a tentative sum, it being understood that supplementary votes would be taken, if and as required. The additional amount requested is to cover the cost of the compensation and resumptions detailed in a list accompanying the vote. In many cases, expenditure was contingent on other parties taking action to carry out their obligations under agreements entered into with Government, and, when the 1926 estimates were being framed, it could not have been foreseen, with any degree of certainty, when money would actually be required by Government.

The demonstration of fire fighting with the "Total" automatic carbonic acid dry fire extinguisher which was to have taken place at the Kowloon Fire Brigade compound this afternoon has been postponed.

disregards an account like that. The average reader will guess after the first few lines what it is like and leave it alone. Unfortunately, I cannot do that. The critiques exorcise a horrible fascination over me, and willy-nilly I simply have to read them. "The charming singing of Sig. Scamuzzi," writes one scribe. Powerful and full of vitality, if you like, but surely not "charming?"

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YOUNG MEN'S CLUB. TROOPING OF COLOURS.

A HONGKONG CHURCH.
MOVEMENT.

A movement is being started in connection with St. Peter's Church to start a Young Men's Club, it being felt that there is a strong need for such an institution amongst young Churchmen living on the Hongkong side. In order to meet this need it is proposed to rent suitable and spacious quarters, so that Christians of all shades of opinion may be brought into contact with one another. This Club will not necessarily be confined to worshippers of St. Peter's Church but membership will be open to all Christians, and associate membership to non-Christians. It is intended to have the rooms comfortably furnished and suitably equipped. A carefully selected library, ping-pong tables, a reading room with a full supply of English, Chinese and American periodicals, magazines and newspapers will be some of the special features of the Club. In addition, it is hoped to organise cinemas, bible classes, study circles, debates, socials, an orchestra, a troop of Boy Scouts, etc. It is proposed to charge a subscription of \$2 per quarter, with an entrance fee of \$2, payable in advance. In order that the proposed Club may be self-supporting, it will be necessary to have at least a membership of 200.

The objects of the Club are threefold:—(1) To uphold and further deepen the spiritual life and power of its members; (2) To band Christians together in a common effort to promote the glory of God and to help forward the work of

POSTPONED UNTIL MONDAY.

It is much regretted that owing to the inclement weather the ceremony of Trooping the Colour by the East Surreys has been postponed until 11 a.m. Monday, 18th inst.

Ticket holders should be seated by 10.50 a.m.
Garden Road will be closed to motor traffic from 10.30 a.m. to midday.

The United Kingdom Alliance is holding another campaign during the coming winter in support of local option for England and Wales. The campaign will be opened in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, on October 22.

Mr. G. J. Furness, ex-M.P., has given to Willesden Hospital a freehold house at Harlesden as a residence for the secretary.

Mr. Lansbury has left Leningrad for home, after inspecting the Kronstadt fortress and delivering to a mass meeting of soldiers and sailors what the Soviet Press calls a "fiery, inspiring speech."

The Metropolitan Asylums Board have decided that hospital matrons' salaries should be increased by 10 per cent.

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FAREWELL DINNER.

RETIREMENT OF REV. W. H. HEWITT.

A number of intimate friends of the Rev. W. H. Hewitt, warden of the St. Stephen's College, gathered last evening at the Hongkong Hotel at a farewell dinner. Among those present were a number of old boys of the college. The dinner was organised at very short notice by Mr. George Lee of the Ho Hong Bank.

The hosts were, the Bishop of Hongkong, the Rt. Rev. C. R. Duppuy, Major Wittenbach, Dr. S. W. T'so, and Messrs. F. A. Britton, K. L. Chau, Siu Wai-ming, Tso Tsun-on, Chan Shu-chi, Tseng Wa-shin, Tseng Wa-kit, Li Wai-hon, Leo Ping-kwan, Lim Seow-chong, Chan Yee-chung, Yeung See-ye, Li Shiu-kau, Blaker, Li King-hong, Ng Sze-kwong, T. N. Chau, Wing Oi-kut, Andrew Cheung, Li Chor-chi, Fung Man-siu, Tang Siu-kin, Li Hoi-tung, Lo Hin-shing, Ue Wan, Chan Yu-nin, Chan Cheong-nin, Cheung Wing-kue, T. J. Price, Yip Ping-chun, Yip Ping-lau, Dr. Wan Yik-shing, and Rev. E. W. L. Martin.

The Reverend guest is leaving for Home under doctors' orders, he having been in failing health for several months past. Ever active and energetic in the discharge of his many duties, he overtaxed his strength and was compelled, in order to avoid a general breakdown, to spend several weeks in complete quiet at Shatin Gap. He returned to work much recuperated but was unable to pass the doctors' tests and is now about to leave on retirement.

Eighteen Years Here.

The Rev. W. H. Hewitt came to the Colony about 18 years ago and has been with the St. Stephen's College for the past 15 years, during eleven of which he has been warden.

At the close of the dinner Mr. Ng Sze-kwong addressed those present. Speaking of the guest of honour he said that they were gathered to bid farewell to the Reverend W. H. Hewitt, who, on the advice of his doctors, was shortly to return Home on retirement. It was always hard to say farewell to one who had been a guide, philosopher and friend, he said, and on the occasion of the impending departure of their beloved warden, it was really difficult to find words to express their regret.

Mr. Hewitt had been connected with St. Stephen's College for over 15 years. The old boys still well remembered the day when he came into their classrooms for the first time. They were all youngsters then, and they speculated as to whether this could be the ogre whom they feared. As time went on they came to learn that the giant was in reality just a big kind-hearted man.

Great Responsibilities.

If he was not mistaken the speaker continued, Mr. Hewitt took up his duties as warden eleven years ago, since which time his hard work and unceasing toil in shouldering his great responsibilities had told on his health, particularly during the past few years when he had had to face the problem of keeping up the school under a serious handicap, in a small and unsuitable building and with no definite idea as to when the proposed new structure would be erected.

In spite of these great difficulties, Mr. Hewitt has conducted the affairs of the College in a very able and courageous manner, judging from the number of boys who have flocked to it and the number who have had to be turned away for lack of accommodation.

The College's Loss.

Failing health had now made it necessary for him to retire. It was unfortunate for the College and its students that it was so, and it was obviously hard for him in view of the fact that his dream of a new and better building for the college for which he had worked so hard had not yet been realised.

He had no doubt Mr. Hewitt's anxiety on this score was a real one, and was sure it would be relieved if he could assure him that he could trust the old boys and the well wishers of the College to see that the building soon became a reality.

As to the work of the College after Mr. Hewitt had left them, the chairman, said Mr. Hewitt must feel very happy to think that in Mr. Martin he has a trusted and worthy successor.

They all felt truly sorry that the warden was about to leave them and much as they would like to retain him here, by hook or by crook, he was sure Mr. Hewitt would appreciate their good intentions much better if they surrendered him gracefully, considering

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Shantung has also begun levying somewhat similar taxes to those proposed by Canton.—*Reuter.*

that the doctors declared that his return to England was absolutely necessary for his health.

The Guest Replies.

Rev. W. H. Hewitt expressed his thanks to his hosts for their kind expressions of good-will. He recalled the fact that it was fifteen years since he first joined the staff of St. Stephen's. The last few years had been particularly strenuous, but the College was fortunate in being able to carry on with good numbers, and he looked forward with confidence to the future. Mr. Hewitt paid a special tribute to the present students of the College, whom he described as a fine body of fellows with a fine spirit pervading them.

Dr. S. W. T'so, L.D., spoke a few words on behalf of the College Council; and Mr. Fung Man-siu, a senior Old Boy, expressed the earnest hope that the warden might be so restored to health as to return from England and carry on his work among them for many years to come.

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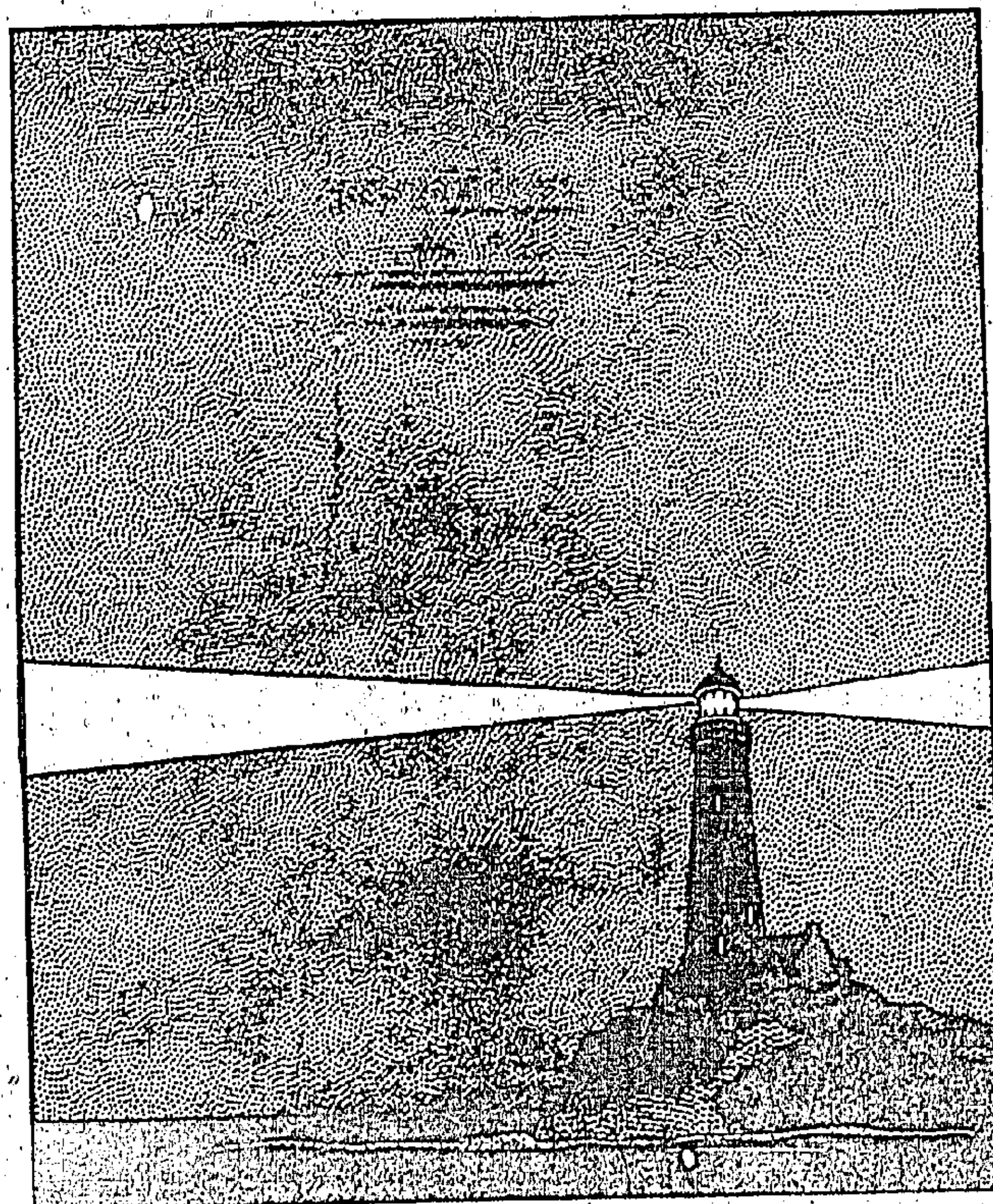
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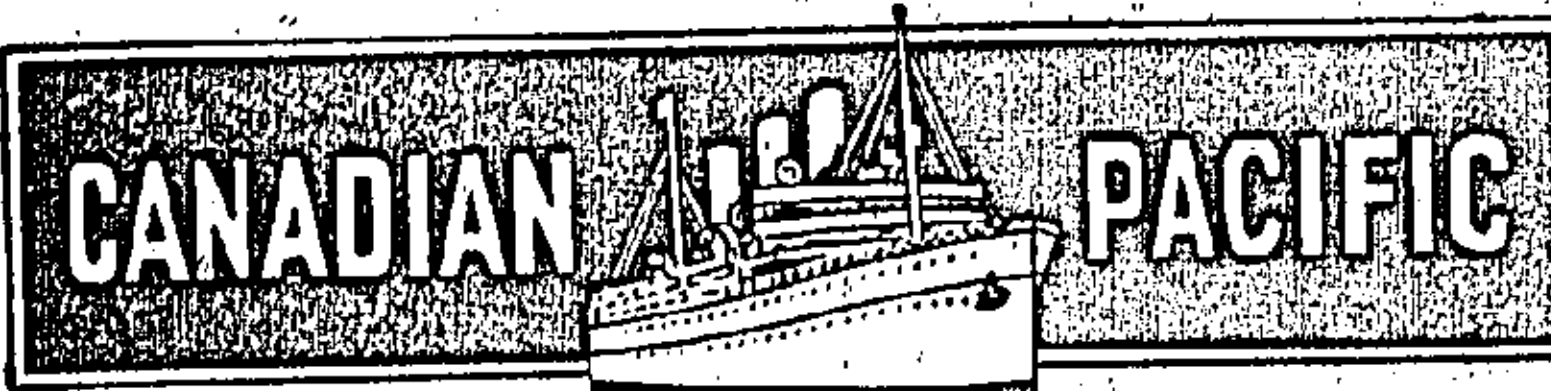
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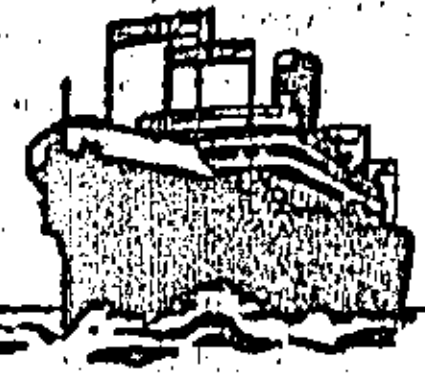
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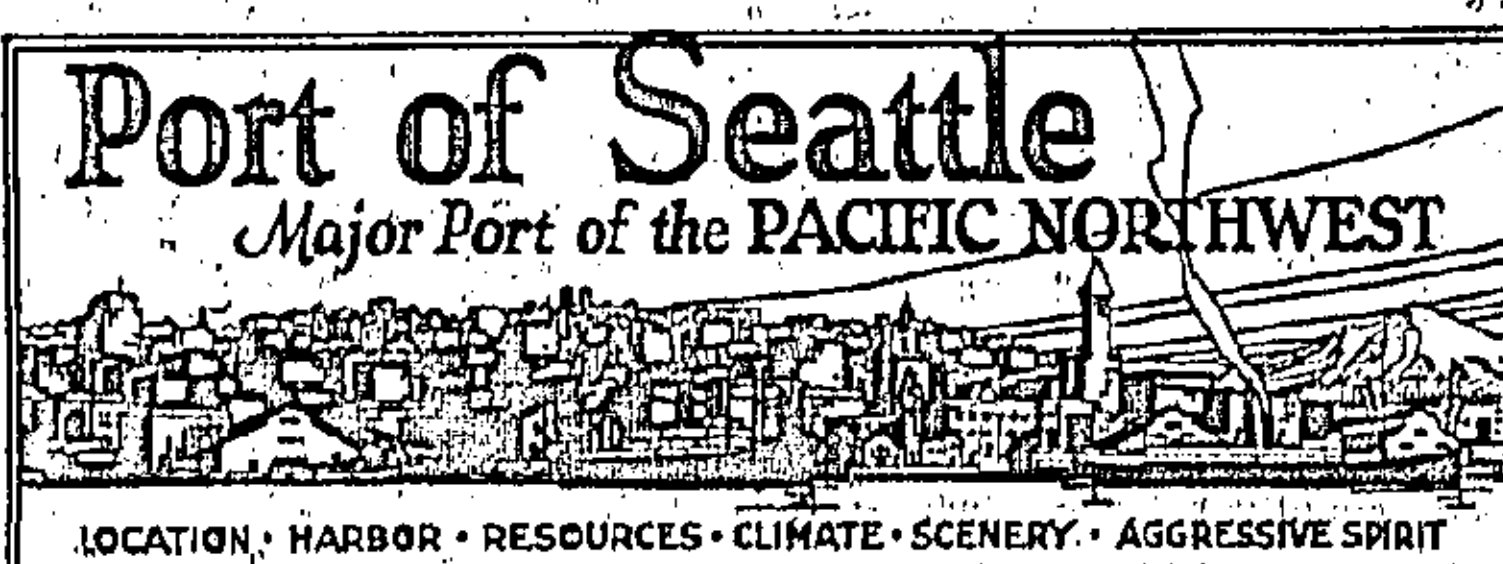
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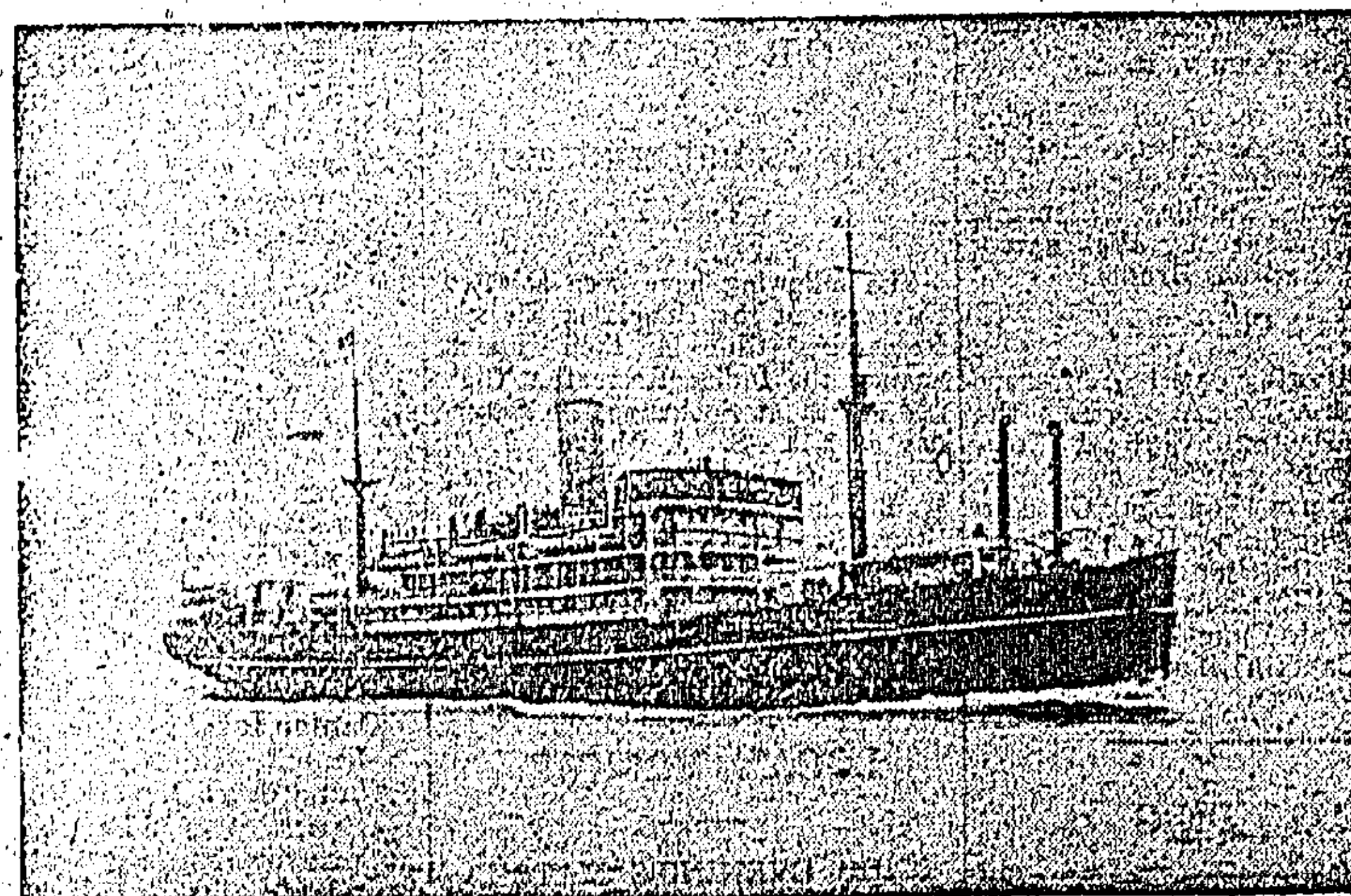
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OUTLOOK.

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THE YANGTZE BOYCOTT.

Another British wireless mes-
sage states:

"Latest reports from China
state that the processions held to
commemorate the anniversary of
the Chinese Republic, which coin-
cided with the celebrations over
the capitulation of Wuchang,
passed off without interference
with the foreign Concessions.

"The boycott situation in Sze-
chuan Province, which, a few
days ago threatened to become
acute, has been mitigated, partly
as a result of the strong repre-
sentations made in a conference
at Chungking between British
Consular officers and the Chinese
authorities in Szechuan. The
British representatives there are
engaged in an effort to clear up
many questions by the Wanchien
incident of a few weeks ago. The
most immediate concern has been
the boycott situation, and they
have made it emphatically clear
that while the British Government
desire to continue the discussions
in a friendly spirit, progress is
made impossible by the mainte-
nance of boycott restrictions.

"The immediate result of the
representations was the provision
of supplies to the British community
and to vessels in the river, and an
improvement in the situation at
Chengtu and other centres. Whether
the improvement will
continue it is impossible to fore-
tell.

"It has been made clear, how-
ever, that the British Government
are determined to secure the free-
dom of British lives and property
from molestation in Szechuan.

"The authorities have under-
taken that one fruitful source of
trouble, namely, the boarding of
British vessels by Chinese troops
desiring free passage on the river,
shall be discontinued.

"On the Canton River, since
the calling off of the anti-British
boycott, communications have im-
proved between Hongkong and
Canton, and a gradual improve-
ment seems apparent in the ex-
port trade and the situation
generally.

Chinese, says our correspondent,
will put up with a great deal of in-
convenience on account of these
taxes and the methods employed
in collecting them, for they con-
sider that their leaders have gained
a victory in being allowed to
collect them at all. At the same
time, there is a feeling in the
minds of many that the interests
of all parties concerned would be
best served if the foreigners would
offer facilities for the collection of
the taxes.

The common-sense of the aver-
age layman, adds our correspon-
dent, endorses the view that the
Powers should help, for what ad-
vantage is there to be gained by
either side if difficulties arise?
The co-operation of the Powers
would make for goodwill and
would ensure the revenue going
into the right channels.

AN OPTIMISTIC VIEW.

"If the ban against British
shipping and Hongkong is
lifted, as Canton says it is,
I don't see how a revival of
local trade is anything else than
inevitable," said a well-known
business man of Hongkong when

in conversation with a *Telegraph*
representative to-day. "Even if
there is a boycott of British goods
maintained by the Chinese, Hong-
kong ought to get back the great
bulk of its trade, because that has
always consisted of non-British
goods."

There was obvious optimism be-
hind the statement given above,
and the merchant concerned point-
ed out that the trade in purely
British goods is only a portion of
Hongkong's commerce. As re-
gards the enormous rice trade, it
is known that when the restric-
tions against Hongkong were im-
posed the price of rice in Canton
increased because of the extra ex-
penses involved in shipping. Many
of the old-established and well-
known Hongkong rice mer-
chants suspended business but
there are already indications that
their establishments will re-open
and that the rice imports from
Saigon and Bangkok will again
flow into South China by way of
Hongkong because it is the most
economic channel.

The inter-coastal trade in pure-
ly Chinese products (an amazing
miscellany of goods and produce)
will inevitably revive when Hong-
kong is again made the point of
congregation and distribution.
Prior to the embargo, Hongkong's
Praya was always an animated
scene of cargo handling—off
junks and other craft from
the rivers and coast ports—and
that great trade will surely resume
because, once again, Hongkong is
the most economical and well-
suited trade centre. The local
steamship lines, such as the Indo-
China, China Navigation, and
Douglas boats, handle far more
native produce than they do Brit-
ish or foreign manufactures and
if the ban against Hongkong is
really off, cargoes will again go
to them.

Silk shipments from Canton have
been continuous ever since the ban
was imposed, but the silk has first
been taken to Shanghai and there
transferred to trans-Pacific steam-
ers. The non-British coastal
boats which have carried silk from
Canton to Shanghai are not suit-
able for the carrying of such de-
licate cargo, for which special
compartments are provided on the
big ships, and this trade will be
bound to come back to Hongkong
both by reason of economic and
other considerations.

As a final thought, our in-
formant added:—"All the trade of
Canton which has been carried on
for the past 15 months has been
extremely uneconomic by the
elimination of Hongkong—its
natural seaport—and with the re-
moval of the anti-Hongkong dis-
crimination, this Colony will au-
tomatically regain its rightful
trade, irrespective entirely of
whether there is a boycott of
British goods when they are land-
ed for sale on Chinese soil."

DEFINITE STATEMENT.

The Canton Strike Committee,
in announcing the withdrawal of
pickets, states:—"At the same time
the issue of the Pass Permits to
Hongkong by our Communication
Department, the issuance of per-
mits for the incoming and outgoing
vessels, and the procedures for re-
questing the deputation of Board-
ing Members from the Committee
will be all abolished, while the
Examination Department by Work-
ers and Merchants will also be can-
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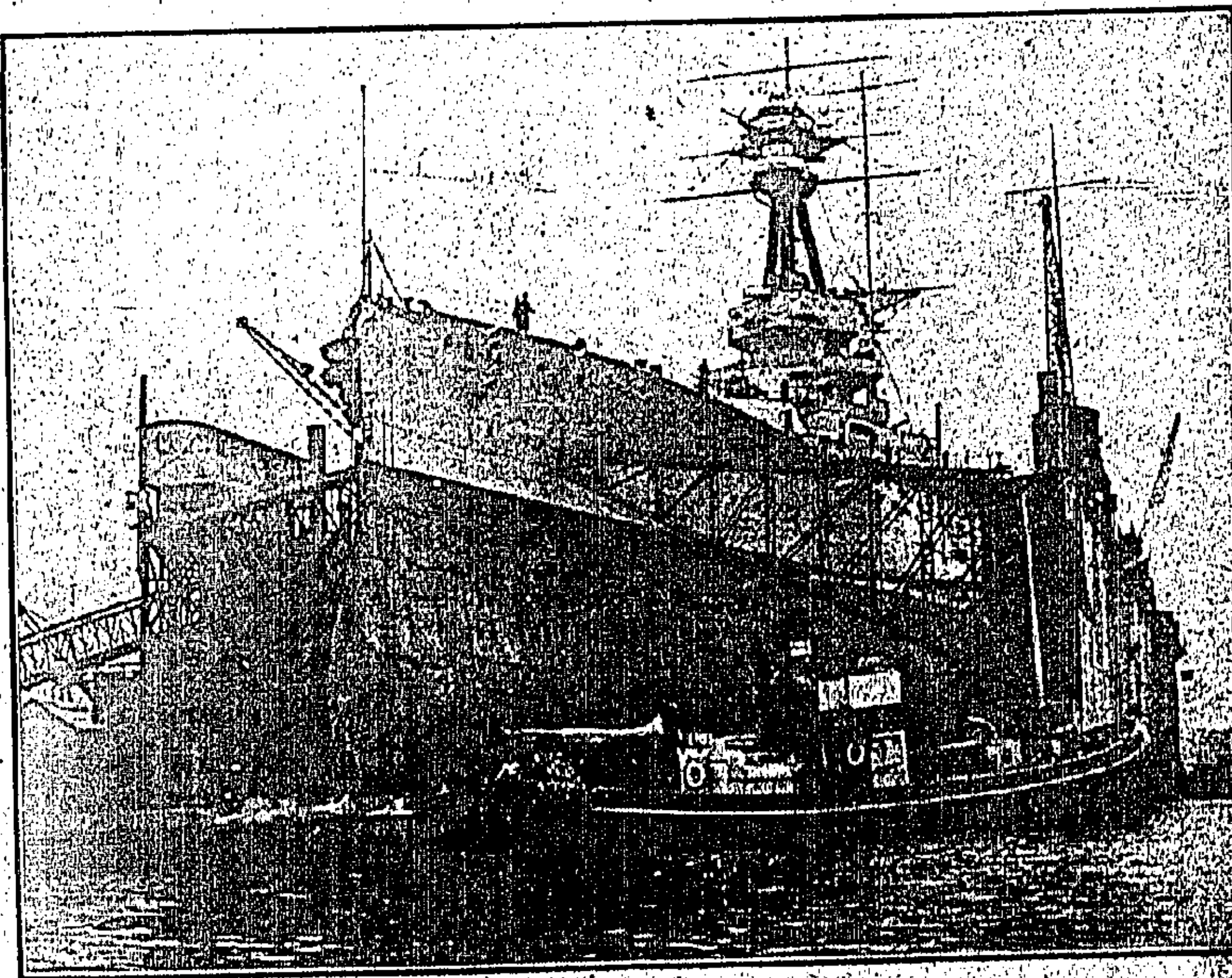
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